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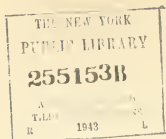
Containing Biographical Sketches of Hundreds of Prominent Old Settlers and Representative Citizens, with a Review of their Life Work; their Identity with the Growth and Development of these Counties; Reminiscences of Personal History and Pioneer Life; and other Interesting and Valuable Matter which should be Preserved in History.

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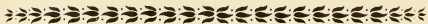
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MARVELOUS is probably the best word with which to emphasize the rapid growth and progress that marks the comparatively short career of the Dakotas,

and more decidedly does this word apply to the development of the counties of Turner, Lincoln, Union and Clay, lying in the extreme southeastern corner of the state of South Dakota. Truly wonderful has been the change when one glances back over the pages of time and reflects—for here in the West has been established an empire within the memory of our children even. Here, but a few years ago, existed a country almost entirely unknown to the white man; it was the haunt of wild animals, the stamping ground of buffaloes, and the home of the red man. Mark what a change has been wrought in two score years; in that short period of time cities and villages have sprung up as if by magic; churches, schools and comfortable farm houses dot the erstwhile prairie in every direction; and, where beasts and birds at one time reigned supreme, well cultivated farms, thrifty orchards, and various other signs of civilized habitation abound. And steel rails, too, form a net-work over the country, upon

which that wonderful invention of civilization, the locomotive, treads the pathway so recently the trail of the Indian.

In point of fertility and productiveness, the soil of the southeastern portion of South Dakota ranks second to none. It is a rich, black loam, averaging from two feet on the plateaus and high places to five and six feet in depth in the bottoms. The valleys of the Missouri and Big Sioux rivers, which in some places are ten miles in width, are exceptionally fertile. The soil is wonderfully productive in all the cereals, and abundant crops are harvested of wheat, corn, vegetables, etc. The farming is diversified, and a great deal of attention is devoted to stock raising.

The surface of the counties embraced in this volume is of gently rolling prairie. Tame and indigenous grasses thrive, and the natural grass lands and meadows alone assure its future prosperity, as they afford excellent pasturage of the most nutritious kind for stock. In fact, many of the more intelligent class of farmers within the past few years have devoted more and more time and attention to the live-stock raising branch of agriculture, and with most flattering results. The country is well watered by rivers and creeks, which afford abundance of water and also provide a drainage system which is al-

most perfect. And this abundance of water also assists in making it a most desirable stock raising region.

For a number of years prior to the first settlement in Dakota territory there is no doubt that this region was frequently visited by white men, probably mostly agents of the different fur companies who located trading stations all along the Missouri; but it was not until about 1858, when it became generally known that the Indians had ceded a portion of their lands, that settlers began to pour in, and by July of that year the influx was very great. From that time on the population rapidly increased, with the exception of the Civil war and grasshopper times, which served as temporary checks to emigration; but with these exceptions this region has enjoyed comparatively uninterrupted prosperity and growth. To-day, taken as a whole, Turner, Lincoln, Union and Clay counties, S. Dak., form one of the most promising regions to be found in the West.

In this connection we give a brief review of these counties:

#### TURNER COUNTY.

Turner county was formed by an act of the ninth session of the legislative assembly, approved January 13, 1871. It is bounded on the north by McCook and Minnehaha, on the east by Lincoln, on the south by Clay and Yankton, and on the west by Hutchinson. It comprises eighteen congressional townships, equal to 414,720 acres.

The surface of the county is gently rolling. The river and creek bottoms are, for the most part level, and valuable grain and grazing land abounds. The soil, which is

of a rich, black loam, varies in depth from two to four feet, and underlying this is a clay sub-soil capable of retaining moisture for a great length of time.

The county is well supplied with water. The Vermillion river runs through the entire eastern side, and its bottom lands averaging several miles in width, are exceedingly fertile. The west fork of the Vermillion traverses the northwestern part of the county, joining the main river east of the town of Parker; and Turkey Ridge creek rises in the northwestern corner, flows through the entire county, and empties into the Vermillion near Centreville, in the southeastern corner. The valley of this creek averages from three to ten miles in width, and the soil therein is of unexcelled fertility.

Swan lake, a very pretty little sheet of water about three-quarters of a square mile in area, is situated near the village of that name in the south-central part of the county. It is surrounded by high banks, has a sandy bottom and the shores are lined with boulders and pebbles. The lake is well stocked with various species of the finny tribe, and large numbers of wild fowl make it a rendezvous in season.

Parker, the county seat, is beautifully located on section 17, of the township of the same name, a little northeast of the geographical center of the county, and is a thriving business point. Other promising towns are Centreville, Hurley, and Marion Junction.

#### LINCOLN COUNTY.

Lincoln county lies in the second tier of counties north from the Missouri river and on the Iowa line. It is bounded north by

Minnehaha county; south by Clay and Union counties; east by the Big Sioux river, which separates it from the state of Iowa; and west by Turner county. Its area comprises about the equivalent of seventeen congressional townships, equal to 612 square miles or 391,680 acres.

The principal stream is the Big Sioux river, which washes its entire eastern border and furnishes water power at various points within the county. It follows a very tortuous course, but is a steady and even flowing stream; in fact, the best water supply in the state is to be found along the Big Sioux. Among the smaller streams are Beaver creek and its branches, Long creek and Saddle creek. The former empty into the Big Sioux a few miles south of the city of Canton, and Long and Saddle creeks form one stream in Delaware township and flow into the Vermillion river a short distance below their confluence. There are several small marshes and one very beautiful body of water known as Silver lake, in Pleasant township, covering about 200 acres of surface. A bold line of bluffs borders the Big Sioux river through the county, in some places near the river, and at others leaving a considerable width of bottom lands between them and the stream.

The county generally is high, rolling prairie and nearly every acre of the surface is tillable. The valley of the Big Sioux is one of the most fertile and beautiful in the west, and the county generally is splendidly adapted to the production of the cereals and vegetables, and particularly to the growing of grass and the raising of stock. With the exception of the groves planted by settlers, there is not much timber in Lincoln county, what there is being mostly box elder, wil-

low, and a few other varieties growing along the ravines that cut through the bluffs and on the margin of the river.

Lincoln county was established by an act of the legislature, approved April 5, 1862, but was not organized until the spring of 1868. A petition for organization was presented to the legislature in 1867 and an act for the purpose was approved December 30th of that year. This act located the county seat on the southeast quarter of section 14, town 98 north, range 49 west. The town was named Canton by unanimous vote of the settlers, and so it is still known. It is a thriving business point, and is the seat of many mercantile enterprises as well as several educational institutions. Hudson, Lennox and Worthing are other prosperous towns located in this county.

#### UNION COUNTY.

Union county occupies the extreme southeastern corner of the state of South Dakota, the southern portion forming a *cul de sac* between the Missouri and Big Sioux rivers. The county is bounded north by Lincoln county; west by Clay county; and south and east by the Missouri and Big Sioux rivers respectively. It contains seven full congressional townships and several fractional townships, in all equal to about 276,480 acres of land.

The following is the section of the act providing for the organization of the original county, occupying most of the present county of Union. It was named in honor of Austin Cole, a member of the first territorial legislature:

Be it enacted, etc.:

"That the district of country embraced within the following described bounds, shall

be declared to be Cole county, to-wit: Commencing at the confluence of the Big Sioux with the Missouri river, and following the main channel of the Missouri river to the line between ranges 50 and 51 west; thence north to the line between towns 93 and 94 north; thence east to the Big Sioux river; thence down the channel of the said river to the place of beginning.

"Approved April 10, 1862.

"WM. JAYNE."

At the session of 1864 the boundaries of Cole and Lincoln counties were re-arranged, and the name of the former was changed to Union county. This act added two tiers of townships on the north to the original county and diminished Lincoln county by the same amount. Section 2 of the same act also provided for the location of the county seat, which was to be on the point of the bluff, in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 29, town 92, range 49. But this not being satisfactory, it was changed by a vote of the people, in April, 1865, and fixed at Elk Point, where it has since remained.

The county is nearly equally divided into rolling prairie and river bottom lands. The soil is black and loamy, averaging from two feet on the plateaus to five or six feet in depth on the bottoms, and of remarkable fertility, producing immense crops of blue joint grass, corn, wheat, oats, barley, flax and vegetables. As a stock producing region it is as good as the best.

The Missouri washes the southern portion of the county in a very winding course for about forty miles, with numerous islands and sand bars in its channel, and a number of marshes and low meadow lands lying parallel to its course.

The Big Sioux runs along the entire

eastern border and forms the boundary line between South Dakota and Iowa. Its course is exceedingly tortuous. In making a direct distance of about forty miles it probably traverses not less than one hundred miles actual distance.

The bottom lands along the Missouri river are very broad in this region, extending to the Big Sioux, a distance of from three to ten miles. There is considerable timber growing along the Missouri bottoms, mostly composed of cottonwood, elm, willow, and box elder. The latter also grows sparsely along the Big Sioux.

The principal inland stream of the county is Brule creek, which rises in Lincoln county, traverses the central portion of Union county and discharges in the Big Sioux about four and a half miles northeast of Elk Point. Other creeks are Union, Jim, Green and a number of unimportant ones, but all valuable for supplying water for stock.

Elk Point, the county seat, has a population of about 1,300. It is an excellent marketing place, and large amounts of grain, flour, general produce, lumber, coal, wood, cattle and hogs are handled by the various dealers. South Dakota is justly noted for its good schools, and Elk Point is behind none of her sister towns in educational matters. Alcester, Beresford and Jefferson are other towns of note in Union county.

#### CLAY COUNTY.

Clay county was formed by an act of the legislature, approved April 10, 1862. It is bounded north by Lincoln and Turner counties, south by the Missouri river, east by Union county, and west by Yankton county. It contains nine full congressional and three fractional townships, and, counting several



of the large islands in the Missouri river as belonging to South Dakota, the aggregate area is equal to about 261,760 square acres, all rich and productive land.

In area it is one of the small counties of South Dakota, but is a very important one from its geographical position and fine character of its soil. The Missouri river, measuring its sinuosities, washes its southern boundaries for about thirty miles. Its channel is continually changing, one of its freaks being the great cut-off of 1881, whereby an immense island, containing several sections of land, was formed opposite Vermillion.

The Vermillion river, which has its source in Miner and Lake counties, passes through this county in a southerly direction, discharging into the Missouri at Vermillion. The valley of this river averages a mile or more in breadth, and is marshy in some places. The valley of the "Big Muddy" in Clay county varies from a mile to ten miles in width, and is exceedingly fertile. There are marshes of considerable extent in the western portion; but, as a whole, the county is mainly good, tillable land.

The bluffs along the Missouri in the vicinity of Vermillion rise seventy or eighty feet above the river, and those along the Vermillion are similar in character, but somewhat lower in altitude. Probably the highest point of land in the county is the celebrated Spirit Mound, situated near the center of the county in the township of the same name. It is a cone-shaped elevation, rises several hundred feet above the level of the rivers, and can be seen for quite a distance. The Indians who were located in

the neighborhood during the early history of the country had a superstitious belief that a pigny people lived there, who, though small, were nevertheless powerful, and of whom they stood in mortal fear. The bulk of the land consists of gently rolling prairie, and there is a considerable growth of timber along the Missouri bottoms, composed of the varieties usually found in the valley.

The original plat of Vermillion, the county seat, covering lots 3 and 4, and the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 24, town 92, range 52, was filed for record January 23, 1869. This plat was filed under a special act of congress, approved March 2, 1867. The town had attained a great commercial prosperity and a population of 600 or more, when the catastrophe by the flood of 1881 swept it completely away in a few hours, leaving nothing but a few half-wrecked buildings and a site covered with ice and rubbish to mark where it stood. This flood demonstrated one thing: that the city of Vermillion could not be built upon the river bottom with safety. A new town was accordingly laid out on the high bluff, and the people, with unabated energy and undiminished faith in the future, have built up a wonderful town, on a much larger and more liberal plan than the one destroyed, and successfully demonstrated the maxim that "where there's a will, there's a way." The city now has inhabitants to the number of about 2,000, and is the seat of many flourishing enterprises. The University of South Dakota, the crowning feature of the state's educational system, is also located here.





# BIOGRAPHICAL









HON. H. C. AUSTIN

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HON. HORACE J. AUSTIN, deceased, who was in life one of the foremost citizens of Clay county, as well as South Dakota, was born in Washington county, N. Y., July 11, 1837. When he was two years of age his parents removed to Essex county, of the same state, and there our subject was reared and grew to manhood, making his home with his parents until the fall of 1857, at which time, in company with Silas N. Palmer, who still resides in Vermillion, and a young man named Dustin, he left the Empire state for the West. The little party first stopped at Dubuque, Iowa, where Mr. Austin soon found employment with a company of surveyors, and there for two years he made his home, when not absent on surveying expeditions. Twice during those two years his business brought him to Dakota territory. On the second trip he concluded to make Dakota his home, and accordingly he took up his residence in Yankton, where he was living when the civil war broke out. He enlisted early in that period of strife, becoming a member of company A, First Dakota cavalry, in 1861, and served his country faithfully and well. For some time the troop of which he was a member was stationed at Vermillion, and

after the close of the war he located in that city, and there his death occurred February 27, 1891.

Although our subject was not afforded facilities for obtaining a higher education than was to be had in the district schools of the neighborhood where he resided when a boy, yet, by close observation of what was going on about him, he acquired a fund of general knowledge that was of great benefit to him in later years, and he was well-posted on all current topics of the day. His honesty, integrity and steadfastness of character won him a high place in the hearts of the people, and the esteem and respect in which he was held is attested by the fact that he was six times elected a member of the legislature. During 1868-69 he served as chairman of the council. As a civil engineer he secured government surveying contracts every year from 1866 to his death, and there are few if any counties in the state which do not bear some of his surveying stakes.

March 21, 1870, Mr. Austin was united in wedlock to Miss Rachel M. Ross, a highly accomplished lady and graduate of the Warren high school in Trumbull county, Ohio. Mrs. Austin, who survives her husband, is a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, and was

born June 1, 1838, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Palm) Ross. The former died in Arkansas, and Mrs. Ross later came to Vermillion, where she also passed from time to eternity January 22, 1876. Mr. Austin had a high conception of what a home should be, and was enabled to carry out these ideas, as his beautiful abode in Vermillion testifies. Home to him was the most sacred place on earth, and there he was always to be found when not away in the discharge of his public duties. Although not blessed with offspring, he took upon himself the care and education of three motherless ones, in whose companionship he delighted and to whom he gladly acted a father's part.

In this world's goods Mr. Austin was greatly prospered, but freely as he received, so, also, freely did he give to the poor and needy. His was a kindly, sympathetic nature. He was the soul of gentility. Bigotry was foreign to one endowed like he was and charity ever abided with him. The principles of diligence and faithfulness were long ago mastered by him and not forgotten to his last day. His name, too, was a synonym of honesty, and in writing to a sister several years prior to his death, he said: "I am being prospered, but this much I can say, I have never taken an unjust penny from any man." In the political history of South Dakota he bore an honorable part, and as a legislator was associated with such men as Moody, Brookings, and a host of other prominent men, and he was peer of all. As a public official he added fidelity to zeal. As a citizen he believed in law and its obedience. And as a man he was gentle, courteous and obliging. In truth Horace J. Austin was well nigh the embodiment of manhood's ideal. He was a sturdy pioneer, a

patient soldier, a faithful legislator, a true citizen, loyal friend, and last but not least, a loving and indulgent husband.

The names of the children reared by Mr. and Mrs. Austin are: Anna Ross, Leroy O. Stevens, and Helen P. Austin. The latter child was adopted and raised from infancy.

A wide circle of friends will welcome the portrait of Mr. Austin, which will be found on another page, as a valuable addition to this volume.

**H**ON. AMUND O. RINGSRUD, who is engaged in the general mercantile business in the city of Elk Point, and who has one of the finest and best equipped stores in the county, came to Dakota territory in 1867 and has been a resident of Elk Point since 1870. He was born in Norway in 1854, a son of Ole O. and Carrie (Amundsen) Ringsrud, who emigrated to the United States with their four children and settled in Dakota territory, homesteading 160 acres of land in Brule township where they followed farming. Mr. Ringsrud's death occurred in 1876; his wife still resides on the old homestead. They were members of the Lutheran church.

Amund O. Ringsrud received his early education in the excellent schools of his native land until he was thirteen years of age, when he came with his parents to this country. In America he worked on the farm and attended school a portion of the time until 1870, when he came to Elk Point, as stated above, and was employed as clerk till 1879. That year he was elected to the office of register of deeds which position he held continually for six years. In 1885



Mr. Ringsrud made his initial start for himself in the mercantile business in which he has been eminently successful. His patronage has been constantly increasing in volume and he now does a large business, enough to keep four men busy. He has taken quite an interest in the local political affairs of the city, county and state, and besides being register of deeds, was elected county treasurer in 1885 and served till 1889, when he was elected secretary of state and re-elected in 1890, serving until January 1, 1893, since which time he has devoted most of his attention to his private business and affairs. Many of the city offices in the gift of the people he has held; was a member of the constitutional convention of 1889, and also has served at various times as delegate to the state conventions of the Republican party, the principles of which he strongly adheres to and supports. In the fall of 1896 Mr. Ringsrud was the candidate of his party for governor of South Dakota, and was barely defeated by the combined efforts of the fusionists, it requiring an official count of the ballots to decide the election.

Mr. Ringsrud was united in marriage, in 1876, to Miss Emma F. Snyder, of Lawler, Iowa, and to this union have been born three children—Grace E., Stella May, and Alfred H. The eldest daughter is now completing her education at the excellent college at Oberlin, Ohio, the two younger children being at home. Mrs. Ringsrud was the eldest of a family of five children. Her parents, Abraham and Susan (Bender) Snyder, were natives of Pennsylvania, Mr. Snyder coming west when a young man and engaging in the mercantile business at Freeport, where he was married, and then

removing to a farm in Chickasaw county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder now reside at Lawler, Iowa.

**H**ON. I. H. NEWBY, mayor of the thriving town of Parker, who is also engaged in the general merchandise and live stock business there, is a native of Fort Madison, Lee Co., Iowa, and was born June 10, 1853. He is a son of I. H. and Catherine (Hoskins) Newby, the former a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Iowa about 1835 and settled in Lee county. He was a farmer by occupation, and died there at the age of twenty-six years. Mrs. Newby was born in Miami county, Ohio, of Scotch descent, and came to Iowa with her husband in 1835; she also died there, when fifty-eight years old. They had a family of three children, viz.: Rebecca, deceased; Albert G., a farmer of Parker township, Turner county; and the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Newby was the youngest of the family, and was reared in his native county and state, attending the common schools of the district in his early youth. When he was seventeen he became a student at the Denmark academy of Lee county, paying his own tuition, the money for which he earned by working by the day or month, at whatever he could find to do. During the winter before his twentieth birthday he taught his first school, and in all spent four terms teaching, working during the summer on farms. He first came to Dakota territory in March, 1874, and located at Finlay, where he opened up a farm, and that same fall returned to Iowa to teach school during the approaching term. December 27, 1877,

Mr. Newby was united in wedlock to Miss Libbie A. Harrington, a native of Lee county, Iowa, born September 23, 1857, and a daughter of John and Betsy (McNeill) Harrington. She was the youngest of six children, two sons and four daughters, and passed her girlhood and grew to maturity in her native county. After their marriage, which occurred in Iowa, they came to Dakota and located on a farm in section 34 of Parker township, where they remained till February, 1881. That year they removed to the village of Parker, and Mr. Newby engaged in the carpenter business. In November, 1886, he engaged with M. J. Donahue in the buying and shipping of live stock, and in March, 1895, established, with E. S. Robbins as partner, the general merchandise business now conducted under the name of Newby & Robbins. He has been eminently successful in both these enterprises. Besides his town interests, he yet retains ownership of the old homestead of 160 acres in section 34, Parker township, has a half section in Hurley township, and also several good pieces of property in the village of Parker. He is a self-made man; all he has accumulated and now possesses is the result of his own hard work and industry, of which he can be justly proud. He is without doubt one of the most popular men in the community, which is attested by the fact that he has been honored by election to many of the offices in the gift of the people, the duties of which he has discharged to their entire satisfaction. Among the various offices he has filled, is that of sheriff of Turner county, to which he was elected and re-elected twice, serving three consecutive terms of two years each. As a candidate for state senator on the Repub-

lican ticket in 1892, he was elected, and served one term, and has also been a member of the town and school boards for a period of eleven years. His present position of mayor he was elected to in 1896. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., D. of H. of the Dakotas, and M. W. A. lodges, at Parker, and has been closely identified with the work and progress of the Baptist church, of which he is a member, and has been since he joined the denomination in Iowa in 1873. During his entire term of office as sheriff he served as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and was absent but three Sundays from his post, and they were because of sickness. He has never used tobacco in any form, and the wisdom of such a course is attested by his well-preserved condition, both mentally and physically.

Mr. and Mrs. Newby are the parents of one son, Harley D., born November 12, 1885. Politically, Mr. Newby was a Democrat, but is now a staunch supporter of the Republican party, the free trade principles of the former being the cause of his affiliation with the G. O. P.

**H**ON. WILLIAM M. CUPPETT is a man of progressive, enlightened views, and his standing as an old settler of the county and a citizen of prominence of Canton is well known. There are few more energetic or wide-awake men to be found among the population of the state than this gentleman, and he is deservedly held in high esteem and respect by his fellowmen.

Our subject is a Pennsylvanian by birth and was born in Bedford county, December

26, 1843. His father was a blacksmith by trade, and in 1850 removed with his family to Delaware county, Iowa, settling in the village of Colesburg. Our subject there grew to manhood, learning from his father during his boyhood the vocation of blacksmith, and spending part of his more mature years as an apprentice to a wagon maker. He was serving as his father's assistant when the great civil war broke out, and as his sympathies were with the Union cause he decided that it was his duty to help uphold the national honor. He accordingly enlisted September 22, 1862, in company G, Sixth Iowa regiment, cavalry, and served faithfully until November, 1865, when he was mustered out. The regiment was stationed in the western country, guarding frontier settlers from the depredations of the Indians, and participated in various engagements during the war. Mr. Cuppett was commissary sergeant of his company, and as such received an honorable discharge after being mustered out of service.

After the war was over our subject returned to Colesburg, Iowa, and during the winters of 1865 and '66 taught school, at the expiration of which time he established himself in the wagon and carriage manufacturing business in Colesburg. For two years he carried on this enterprise, and then in the spring of 1868 he came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and pre-empted a claim of 160 acres, which is located near where the city of Canton is now situated. He also homesteaded 160 acres adjoining his pre-emption claim, and in company with others purchased another forty acres, which is now a portion of the Canton town site. He settled on this forty-acre tract in the summer of 1868, building a log house, and

the following fall engaged in the mercantile business, which he shortly after sold out. At the general election that fall he was elected register of deeds, he being the first gentleman to fill that office of Lincoln county, and in that capacity he served for two years. At the fall election of 1869 he was elected a member of the territorial legislature, which office he held for two years, and in the fall of 1878 was again elected to the same position for another two years. Mr. Cuppett, was appointed postmaster of Canton in 1868, by President Grant, and three years later, at the expiration of his postmastership, in April, 1871, he was appointed by Judge Kidder, clerk of the district court, and this position he served in until 1885. It will be seen by this record that Mr. Cuppett has had quite a little experience as a civic official, and it is with pleasure that we incorporate in this volume the history of a man who has been so closely and thoroughly identified with the progress and upbuilding of the community. In all the offices which he has held by the grace of his fellow townsmen, he has discharged the duties imposed with characteristic dignity, impartiality, and never failing justice and honesty. He was a leading spirit in the organization and management of the Canton Building association, of which he was secretary, and was instrumental in having the old court house built; this structure is still used as a court room. He served as a member of the local school board for a number of years, and held the positions of president, treasurer and clerk of that body at different times. He is liberal in his religious views, not being a member of any denomination in particular, but using his influence in common with all

sects. He was one of a company which organized the first Sunday school in Canton, it being a union school attended by members of all denominations. Socially he belongs to the Silver Star lodge No. 4, and is a member of Siroc Chapter No. 11, F. & A. M., besides holding membership in General Lyon post, No. 11, Grand Army of the Republic.

The marriage of our subject to Miss N. E. Martin was celebrated September 1, 1870. Mrs. Cuppett was born in Ashland county, Ohio, February 10, 1849, and she is a daughter of Mr. Isaac N. Martin, one of the early settlers of Lincoln county, whose biography will be found in another part of this record. Four children have been born to this union, but one, a son, William E., died when six years of age. Those living are known by the following names, viz.: Eva A., who is the wife of Mr. J. H. Luers; Mark W. and Frank P.

**F**RANK NOYES BURDICK, M. D., ex-state senator, has since 1873 been a prominent resident of Vermillion, and is one of the leading physicians of the city. His birth occurred at Guilford, Windham Co., Vt., on the 14th day of September, 1839. He enjoyed fair educational advantages in both public and private schools, and early evincing a strong desire to enter the medical profession, he subsequently became a student in the University of Vermont, and from that excellent institution graduated with honors in the class of '59 after completing a four-years' course.

Dr. Burdick at once entered upon the practice of his profession in his native town,

Guilford, where he continued to remain until 1862. He then came to Sycamore, DeKalb Co., Ill., where the following summer love of his country led him to offer his services to the government. He enlisted in the Eighty-eighth Illinois regiment, infantry, was commissioned assistant surgeon, and went with his regiment to Kentucky. After the battle of Champion Hills he was detailed on hospital work and had charge of four hospitals, which he organized at Bowling Green. On account of ill health the following winter he was obliged to give up his duties and relinquish charge of the hospitals, and then, after being under treatment in Chicago for several weeks, he resigned his commission and soon afterward resumed private practice in Elgin, Ill., where he continued until about 1866. At that time he was again compelled to change climate on account of ill health, and he decided to return east. He went to New England, and for some four years practiced medicine in Pittsfield, Mass., but in 1868 he located in Philadelphia and assumed charge of a Greenback paper known as the Labor Tribune, until after the Greeley campaign of 1872. In July of the following year he came to Vermillion, as stated above, and here he has since made his residence. Since coming to his present location the Doctor has not only succeeded in building up a large and valuable practice, but he has also closely identified himself with local and political affairs. For several years he was the proprietor of the Dakota Republican—from 1874 to 1890—and for ten years he served as mayor of the city of Vermillion, leaving a record of credit both to himself and the public. In 1883 he was elected to the state senate, in which body he served one term. Dr. Burdick was also a member of

the first board of regents of the State university, and was one of the moving spirits in locating that institution and getting it started on a sound footing.

Dr. Burdick has been twice married, his first wedding occurring in Pittsfield, Mass., in March, 1860, at which time he led to the altar Miss Hattie Bowker, a native of that city. She died in Guilford, Vt., after but two short years of married life, and Dr. Burdick was subsequently married in Vermillion to Mrs. C. H. True, the widow of Charles H. True, the former owner of the Dakota Republican. Dr. Burdick is a member of Miner post No. 8, G. A. R. He is active in all good works, and a man of progressive and enterprising spirit.

**T**HOMAS B. COSTAIN, deceased, formerly a resident of section 23, Parker township, Turner county, was a native of the Empire state and was born November 30, 1827. He passed his boyhood in his native county, acquiring his education in the district schools of his day, and when ten years old started as an apprentice at the tailor trade. He served his "time" and then went to Florida and engaged in business for himself. He continued there about a year and a half and then came back to New York, going west that same year to Rockford, Ill., where he secured employment as foreman and cutter with a large clothing concern. From Rockford he went to Amboy and engaged in the merchant tailoring, ready-made clothing and gent's furnishing goods business, selling out in 1866 to go to Webster county, Iowa, where he followed his trade and managed a farm which he owned in that locality. He

was engaged there for five years and then came direct to Turner county, Dak. Ter. He was one of the early settlers and pioneers of the region; from the claim on which he located at that time he couldn't see a building of any kind in any direction. He worked hard in the improvement of his homestead and resided there until his death which occurred June 11, 1888. He was a man well known and universally liked for his many excellent traits of character, kind-hearted to a fault, a good husband and an indulgent father. He was a devout member of the Baptist church and also a member of the I. O. O. F. Politically he affiliated with the Republican party and was the first treasurer of the Findlay school district. His parents were both born in England and died there. On their return to their native land they left their two sons and a daughter in the United States, who became scattered after their mother's death, the daughter remaining in New York, our subject's brother going to Australia where his demise occurred, and Mr. Costain coming to Rockford, Ill., as stated above.

Mr. Costain was married November 12, 1861, to Miss Hannah Blocher, a native of Susquehanna county, Pa., born March 2, 1843. Her father, John Blocher, was a native of Germany and emigrated to the new world from the fatherland when but a small boy with relatives. He first settled in New York and then Connecticut, and in the latter state was married to Miss Hannah Shafer, a native of Holland but reared in Connecticut from an early age. Mr. and Mrs. Blocher lived to be eighty-three and seventy-six years old respectively, and were the parents of nine children, three of whom died in infancy. The living are as follows:

Mrs. Mary E. Gamble, of Turner county; Mrs. Costain, the widow of our subject; George J. of Lee county, Ill.; Henry S., residing in Benton county, Iowa; Mrs. Rebecca Bridgman and Mrs. Agnes Blackman, both of Lee county, Ill. Mrs. Costain was the second child and about four years old when she left Pennsylvania and accompanied her parents to Illinois. Her first schooling was obtained in Amboy, where she was reared, grew to maturity and married Mr. Costain. By this union she is the mother of thirteen children, viz.: Minnie, deceased, was the wife of Howard Cheney and died in 1888; Sylvia is the widow of Charles Martin; Frank N. is a carpenter and resides in Parker; Della, deceased, married Freeman H. Mabey, and died in 1895; Lillian, deceased; Eva, deceased; Clyde; Bert J.; George H.; Herbert R.; Earl T.; Ernest E.; and Raymond H. All of the daughters with the exception of the youngest were school-teachers. Mrs. Costain now has a fine farm of six hundred and forty acres all in a body on which she carries on with good success general farming and stock-raising. She has two hundred and fifty acres of pasture, and keeps constantly on hand a large lot of stock of all kinds. She was appointed administratrix of her husband's estate, and has adjusted the business to the entire satisfaction of the family.

**W**ILL S. INGHAM, the popular and efficient editor of the Canton Advocate, daily and weekly, is a native of Tama City, Iowa, and was born November 25, 1866. When he was two years of age his parents removed to Fort Dodge, of the same state, and a year

later to Pomeroy, Iowa, where Mrs. Ingham passed to her last resting place. His father, Cyrus B. Ingham, was the founder of the Calhoun County Times, and at Fort Dodge became the owner of the Fort Dodge Times. After his wife died Mr. Ingham returned to Fort Dodge from Pomeroy and established the Fort Dodge Messenger. That was in 1873, and the paper was discontinued in the spring of the following year, Mr. Ingham removing with his family to Beloit, Iowa, where he founded the Beloit Times. In the office of this publication at the age of eight years, our subject was initiated into and began his first work at the "art preservative of all arts."

In 1876 Mr. Cyrus B. Ingham and his son removed to Firesteel, Dak. Ter., where the city of Mitchell is now situated, and there established the Jim River Advocate. This paper continued to live for about six months and then its publication was stopped, our subject and his father having decided to locate a farm two miles north of Firesteel. Here they remained until 1878 and then removed to Aurelia, a postoffice five miles north of Forestburg, residing in the latter place until the spring of 1881, when they returned to Beloit, Iowa, and re-established the Times. Here W. S. resumed his work at the case until early in the spring of 1883, when he removed with his father to Eden (now Hudson), Lincoln Co., Dak. Ter., and established the Eden Times; from there they went to Forestburg in July, 1883, and while there our subject began his career in the newspaper business on his own account. November 23, 1883, at the age of seventeen years, in company with Mr. N. J. Dunham, now an attorney at Woonsocket, S. Dak., our subject founded the Jerauld

County News, at Wessington Springs, in Jerauld county. This publication was disposed of to Mr. J. W. McNamara, in the spring of 1884, and in July, of the same year, our subject removed with his father to Fielder, situated about fifteen miles north of Pierre, in Hughes county, and established the Fielder Times. The printing outfit was removed to the Winnebago reservation in the spring of 1885, as the reservation had been opened to settlement by order of President Arthur, and it was intended to start a paper there. On President Cleveland's inauguration that order was annulled the latter part of April, and the outfit was practically destroyed by the Indian police.

Mr. Ingham next worked on a farm for a couple of months and then went to Forest City, where he secured employment in the office of the Press of that city, Mr. Aloys Bilz being the editor, until the spring of 1887. While he was a resident there he became acquainted with the estimable lady who became his wife in 1886. She bore the maiden name of Miss Mary Sorflaton, and soon after her marriage with our subject they located on a farm in Hughes county, and there Mr. Ingham tilled the soil for six months. At the expiration of that time he was offered the managership of the Press, at Forest City, and this position he accepted and filled until the fall of 1888, when he purchased the Blunt Advocate from Mr. George Schlosser, now manager of the South Dakota Newspaper Union, of Sioux Falls. He removed with his family to Blunt and took up actively the publication of that paper, and while a resident there was appointed messenger of the house of representatives at Pierre during the 1893 session of the legislature.

April 1, 1893, Mr. Ingham bought and took possession of the Canton Weekly Advocate, and on May 22 of the same year inaugurated the daily edition of the paper, which has, under his careful management, increased both in reputation and circulation, wonderfully. The paper has a large following in the city and adjacent districts. It has been the property of many different concerns and parties since the first copy was printed, among the owners being J. W. Taylor, now deceased, C. A. South, Carter Brothers, Y. E. & A. L. Carter—now blank book manufacturers of Pierre—and D. A. Garver.

JAMES M. TALCOTT, lumber merchant at Elk Point, and one of the leading and prominent business men of South Dakota, is a native of Salisbury, Herkimer Co., N. Y., and was born November 3, 1839. He is a son of Samuel and Laura (Cole) Talcott, who were natives of Herkimer county and Oneida county, N. Y., respectively. The Talcott family originally came from Essex county, England, to America, in 1632, and settled in Massachusetts. Nathan and Laura (Hill) Cole, the parents of Laura (Cole) Talcott, were natives of Hartford, Conn., Mr. Cole being in early life a music teacher and later a dealer in furniture, which business he continued till his death. Our subject's father was a contractor and builder, and died May 4, 1873, in the same county in which he was born. He had been sheriff and town collector during his life, and had held various other offices. Mrs. Talcott died in Dodgeville, Herkimer Co., N. Y., December 2, 1894. Both Mr. Talcott and his wife were members of the



Methodist Episcopal church, and were the parents of ten children, five of whom are now living, viz.: James M., Mrs. Electa S. Brown, George S., Josiah S. and Frederick N.

James received a good education in the schools of his native county and also attended the Whitestown Seminary at Whitesboro, Oneida Co., N. Y. He learned the carpenter trade of his father, and followed this vocation until 1860, and in the spring of 1861 he enlisted in company K, Thirty-fourth regiment, New York infantry as orderly sergeant. In the spring of 1862 the company was badly broken up, three officers—captain, first and second lieutenants—being disabled. Our subject was breveted lieutenant and took command of the company for a year until the return of the captain. He was discharged with the regiment at Albany, N. Y., in July, 1863, and re-enlisted in the Second New York regiment heavy artillery, as a private in company L, January 12, 1864. At the battle of Cold Harbor, Va., June 2, 1864, he was shot during the engagement through the left lung. He was transferred to the hospital at Alexandria, Va., but after twenty days there was taken away by friends. While an inmate of the hospital he was commissioned first lieutenant of this company, but was unable to muster in on account of the wound. He was discharged from service while yet in the hospital in January, 1865. Mr. Talcott participated in all the engagements which the army of the Potomac engaged in from that of Bull's Run to Cold Harbor, Va., and took part in twenty-seven battles. After his return to civil life he accepted a position with the Remington Agricultural Implement works as foreman

for whom he worked two years, and in 1869 he came to Elk Point, Dak. Ter., and started a furniture store, he being the first one at Elk Point in that business, which he conducted for about four years, during which time he was fairly successful. His present business he engaged in after disposing of his furniture stock, and has continued in it ever since. He has served his fellow townsmen in many ways and has held the following city offices: Alderman, six terms; mayor, four terms. He was appointed by Governor Mellette of Dakota territory as trustee of the Dakota hospital for the insane during the years 1888-9, and was appointed by the same governor of the state in 1890, as a member of the first board of charities and corrections, having in charge the state hospital for the insane at Yankton and the reformatory school at Plankinton; also the state penitentiary and deaf mute school at Sioux Falls. He served during the years of 1890 and '91. He has also been treasurer of the Elk Point high school since 1881 and still holds that position, and he has been a trustee of the Yankton college for the past four years. Besides his lumber business he has been extensively engaged in buying and selling real estate, and is now a large owner of South Dakota lands.

Mr. Talcott married Miss Hannah R. Chamberlain, of Elk Point, March 22, 1872. She is a daughter of Rinaldo and Sally (Colville) Chamberlain, and was born in Bradford county, Penn. They came to Elk Point in 1870, where Mrs. Chamberlain died in 1882. Mr. Chamberlain died in November, 1894, in his native county, Bradford, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Talcott are the parents of eight children, seven of whom are living, viz.: Allie L., Myrtle M.,



Lillie L., Glennie M., Flossie L., James E. and Ethel B. The eldest, Genia M., is deceased. Our subject by a former marriage has one daughter, Lizzie, now the wife of C. E. Hutton, superintendent of the Pierce Flouring mills, at Pierce, Nebr. They have two children, Fay and Roy.

Mr. Talcott is a staunch supporter of the Republican party's principles. His wife and family are members of the Congregational church, and Mr. Talcott is a regular attendant at and trustee of the same. He has taken an active interest in the welfare of the community and has assisted materially in the construction of various churches and schools of the city. He is generous, and heartily supports any worthy enterprise that tends to promote the public welfare.

**E**LIAS H. WILLEY, editor of the Dakota Republican and one of the foremost citizens of Vermillion, where he has headquarters, was born in Waterville, Vt., May 30, 1846. His father, Daniel Willey, was a farmer by occupation, and was married in Vermont to Miss Sarah Comings. Mrs. Willey died in Waterville, Vt., in 1850, and Mr. Willey in 1892 came to Vermillion to live with his son, where he now resides. They had two children, our subject being the eldest, and Aurette E.

Elias H. was reared in his native place on his father's farm, and was well trained amid home influences in the duties of life until he had attained the age of seventeen years. When he left his father's home at that age, he went to Hyde Park, the county seat of Lamoille county, Vt., and there began his apprenticeship of three years in

the "art preservative of all arts." After becoming proficient at the trade he continued in the same office for some five years, and then, from 1872 to '74, published the Orange County Eagle at West Randolph, of the same state. In 1874 he concluded to try his fortune in the west and accordingly located at Storm Lake, Iowa, where he secured employment as a printer, and later followed his trade in Sac City. In 1881 he left the Hawkeye state and returned east, going to the New England states, and the following six years was employed in a printing establishment at Paris Hill, Me.

Early in May, 1887, our subject left the Pine Tree state for Wisconsin, and on the 29th day of the same month at Waldo, Sheboygan county, Miss Susan L. Danforth, a native of Franklin county, Vt., became Mrs. E. H. Willey. The bride and groom spent a happy honey-moon in the Badger State until the following October, at which time they removed to Vermillion, S. Dak., and here they have since been residents. Mr. Willey worked at his trade until May, 1888, and then purchased the Dakota Republican, which paper he has since edited and published, although since January 1, 1895, he has had Mr. E. S. Danforth as an associate. The paper, as its name implies, is Republican in politics, to which party our subject gives allegiance, and has a circulation of one thousand copies. It is a strictly "up-to-date" sheet, bright and newsy, and a perusal of its editorial columns will convince any one that the editor is a man of broad gauge intellectually, well-informed on current topics, and possessed of sound and mature judgment. Mr. Willey is a popular

man, well-known, and highly respected by his many friends and acquaintances, and it is with pleasure that we are able to incorporate a brief review of his life in this volume. Socially, he holds membership in the Knights of Pythias.

**A**P. ASBJELD, the able and efficient auditor of Union county, was born in Norway in 1855, and is a son of Peter O. and Carrie (Krogen) Asbjeld, also natives of Norway. The former was a carpenter by trade and was engaged in contracting and building in the old country. He came to the United States in 1870, and settled in Marquette county, Mich., where he was engaged in the iron mines of Ishpeming. He was employed there for three years when he came to Dakota Territory, and settled on a farm of 160 acres in Spink township, which he entered as a homestead. Here he engaged in farming till death overtook him in 1891. His wife died in 1895. They were the parents of three children, two sons now living, our subject and Ingebrigt, the latter residing in Spink township. The only daughter, Mary, a promising young lady, died when she was twenty-one years of age.

The subject of this biography, when his parents left Michigan, went to Minneapolis, Minn., and attended the Augsburg seminary from which he graduated five years later. He then secured a position at teaching in Worth county, Iowa, where he stayed for two years and then went to Decorah, Iowa, to attend the Lutheran college at that point, where he graduated from the teacher's department in a year. After this he returned to Worth county, Iowa, and taught for one

term, and then in 1882 came to Dakota and employed his time at teaching school and farming till 1894, when he was elected to his present position of county auditor. He has also been assessor of Union county for four years, and is interested among other things in farming land in various parts of the state. He is a strong Republican in politics and actively engaged in local affairs of the county.

Mr. Asbjeld was married to Miss Lava Jamtgaard, a daughter of Ole and Sigrid (Lium) Jamtgaard, natives of Norway, who came to Dakota in 1882, and settled in Big Springs township, where Mr. Jamtgaard is now living, his wife, who was born in 1822, having died November 23, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Asbjeld have three children—Mareus, Johanna and Peter. They are members of the Lutheran church, of which Mr. Asbjeld has been secretary for over ten years. They reside in Elk Point.

**J**H. SHURTLEFF, a retired farmer now making his home in Parker, Turner county, where he has a nice residence, is a native of Buffalo, N. Y., and was born January 6, 1833. He is a son C. B. and Miranda L. (Adams) Shurtleff. The former was a native of Vermont, supposed to be of German and Scotch descent, and was engaged in farming and in the lumber business for forty years. He came to Dakota in 1866 and located at Vermillion, dying at the age of eighty-five years in Ponca, Neb. His wife was also a native of Vermont, where she was reared; was of Scotch-Irish descent and died at Vermillion aged seventy-nine years. They were the parents of eight children.

J. H. Shurtleff was the third child and about one year old when his parents located in Ashtabula county, Ohio. From there when he was about fourteen years old he accompanied them back to New York state where he remained until he attained his majority, and then in 1853, located at Mendota, Ill. He remained at that place until 1861 when he enlisted in company A, Fifty-seventh Illinois regiment, infantry, and was mustered in as sergeant. In this position he served until March, 1863, when he was made captain of the First Alabama cavalry. About a year later he was promoted to the rank of major of the same regiment, and served at different times under Gens. "Dick" Oglesby, Davis and Dodge, of the Sixteenth army corps. He participated in over thirty-five battles, at one time was knocked off his horse, and on different occasions had five horses shot from under him. He served as topographical engineer and had charge of fortifications.

Mr. Shurtleff was married December 1, 1866, to Miss Mary J. Wirick, a native of Lee county, Ill., and they are the parents of three children, viz.: W. Arthur, who has been for six years professor of penmanship in the Dakota university, in which he has charge of the commercial department; Julia I., the wife of E. M. Purkiss; and S. H., a young man who is now a student at the University of Chicago. Mr. Shurtleff came to Dakota January 1, 1870, and located in Findlay township, on a farm which he improved and made his home until 1879. From 1874 to '78 he was the proprietor of the stage line carrying mail and passengers from Sioux Falls to Yankton, Dak. Ter., and when the town of Parker was located he established a grocery and

meat market there, being one of the first business men of that thriving town. He was also engaged in the lumber and agricultural implement business at Aberdeen, which he conducted for some time. He is at present the owner of two quarter sections of land; at one time he owned considerable more property, but has since disposed of it. Politically he is a Populist, and has attended every convention of that party from its organization to the present time. He was one of the first commissioners of the county, being elected in 1872, and also held the position of county surveyor for four terms. He was a member of the board of education ten years, and clerk of the district where he resides many times.

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**W**ILLIAM HAZEN. One of the pleasant farms of Spink township, Union county, is that owned and operated by this gentleman, who has placed upon it such improvements as entitle it to rank among the finest farms to be found throughout the community. It comprises 160 acres in section 24, every acre of which is tillable and improved, and among other adornments with which it has been embellished is a grove and small orchard.

Mr. Hazen is a native of Mercer county, Penn., and was born September 24, 1830. On a farm in his native county he was reared until attaining his majority, acquiring a good common-school education, and in the spring of 1851 he came to Jackson county, Iowa, with his parents. For ten years he made a good living cutting wood, which he sold to steamboats plying the Mississippi river, and then he located upon

a farm in Jackson county. He made his first appearance in Union county, Dak. Ter., in 1872, when he settled upon the farm which he now lives on as a homestead. He was one of the first settlers in the immediate neighborhood, and, with his family, passed through many hardships and privations, among which was a cyclone and the grasshopper plague, as well as much sickness in the family. His first home was a sod house, but the next spring after his arrival he built a frame shanty, in which to house his family, and later on erected his present commodious residence. He has been exclusively a farmer, devoting his time and energy to the improvement and betterment of his property, and, although he takes an interest in local government, as all good citizens should, he has never been a candidate for any political office. He was formerly a Republican politically, but now casts his lot with the Populists, and is a member of the school board, having assisted in organizing the school district in which he resides.

Our subject's marriage to Miss Martha Jane Roe, a native of New York, occurred in 1856, and they were the parents of three children, viz.: May, the wife of Charles Goodroad; William B., and Grace, the wife of F. G. Newell, of Aberdeen, S. Dak. After his first wife's death, which occurred in 1864, he was subsequently married to the lady who now manages the affairs of his household, the ceremony taking place in 1866, and Martha Moles, a native of West Virginia, being the bride. This union has been blessed by the advent of six children, as follows: Salina, Theresa, Martha, James, Vernon and Arthur. One daughter, now deceased, had grown to womanhood, and

was a school teacher. All the children have had the advantage of liberal educations, and make up an interesting family.

**A**DOLPH SLAMAN, M. D., a prominent and well-known physician and surgeon of Lennox, was born in the state of Moravia, Austria, and when nine years of age emigrated with his parents to America, locating in St. Paul, Minn., where he grew to manhood and learned the trade of locksmith. When eighteen years old he entered the Rush Medical college, of Chicago, from which he graduated with the class of '82. The Doctor almost immediately after receiving his diploma came to Lennox, and has continued here ever since, with the exception of one year which he spent as house physician at the Yankton hospital for the insane. He has built up a large and lucrative practice which he deservedly merits. He has been a close student all these years, keeping pace with the rapid strides of medical science, and is known throughout South Dakota as a skillful and successful operator in surgery. He is a member of the South Dakota State Medical Society and has been since its organization; he is also a member of the Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota Tri-State Medical association, which was founded in 1896.

Dr. Slaman has an interesting family history of which the following is a digest. He was one of a family of ten children, born to Thomas and Annie Slaman, nine of whom are still living, viz.: Frank, married and a resident of Brainard, Neb.; Annie, wife of Antoine Bowers, of Milwaukee,





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Wis.; Aloiz, married and lives in St. Paul, Minn.; Emily, the wife of Charles Blazener; Frances, in Wisconsin; Thomas remained in Austria and became a soldier there, being killed in a military charge while in Turkey; Josie, wife of John Huisick, of St. Paul, Minn.; Ludwig; Adolph, the subject of this narrative; and Joseph, married and a resident of St. Paul, Minn. The father, Thomas Slaman, is still living, aged ninety-one years, and makes his home in St. Paul; his father, Francis Slama, was a son of Karel Slama, one of four brothers—French soldiers—who severed their connection with France and purchased an estate in Kuklik, in the province of Moravia, Austria. These men were all long lived, and it is a remarkable fact that their descendants have all crowded the century mark very close.

Dr. A. Slaman and Miss Matilda Schultz were married in Lennox in 1886, and to them have been born two children, viz.: Lamont and Corinne. They occupy a beautiful home and enjoy all the pleasures of a well-conducted household. The Doctor is a member of no social orders, neither is he identified with any church societies. His church is humanity, and where suffering calls he quickly responds.

**H**ON. ELI B. WIXSON, a portrait of whom will be seen on another page, was born May 6, 1833, at Wayne, Steuben Co., N. Y. He came to Dakota in 1859, and settled at the present site of Elk Point. He was the first white man to settle in this portion of Dakota. His first house was built of logs. It was 12 x 16 feet, with ground

floor and sod roof. In this rude structure Mr. Wixson kept hotel and grocery store at the same time.

During the following winter Mr. Wixson's only neighbors were some seventy-five Santee Sioux Indians, who had encamped here for the purpose of hunting. He dealt quite extensively with them and report says he lost nothing in his bargains.

An incident or two occurred at this time which serves to illustrate the quality of stuff necessary to constitute a successful pioneer. The heart of the savage, like that of civilized man, is deceitful above all things. Mr. Wixson says they disposed of their chief in the following manner:

"One bitter cold night I was called to go to the Indian's camp. The messenger said the chief was dead. On my arrival I found the body of the chief wrapped in the American flag. Unfurling a portion of the Stars and Stripes, I found to my surprise, that the body was warm and lifelike. This recalled to memory what one of the tribe had told me a few days before; that a certain grayish powder, which he showed me, when smoked together with '*Kinnikinick*,' would cause the smoker to take a 'long sleep.' And I thought that in the case of the chief the powder was being put to the test, and was working to a charm. But I discreetly kept my own counsel. About noon of the following day, there was a commotion in the camp of the reds. The bucks divested themselves of by far the greater portion of their clothing and bedaubed their persons with mud or clay. Then with their dead chief-tain strapped to poles attached to a pony, they began their parade. They very soon brought up in front of my cabin and began to horribly mutilate their bodies. Each one

would take hold of the skin and pull it out from his body and thrust a knife entirely through it, thus inflicting great gashes from which the blood flowed profusely. The squaws were less ostentatious, removing their leggins only and using shells to scratch the skin. One big brave pulled up the skin upon his breast and then handed me the knife to see if I had the pluck to draw blood. I took the knife and made a feint as though I would strike right down into his body. He dodged and displayed much astonishment at my threatening attitude. Another came into the cabin and got his musket in shape to blow off his head. I took the gun from him and removed the cap, but he immediately recapped it and got once more into the same position. But by this time, others were present to witness the tragedy and I offered no more protests. But he decided to defer the act to a future date. For two or three hours they kept up these hideous performances and then began their march to Minnesota, carrying their chief with them.

"At another time before this I was awakened from my slumbers late at night by the loud cracking of the fire in the chimney corner. Looking about I saw a score or more of the reds. Indignant at the liberties thus taken by them, I sprang from my bunk and gave orders to evacuate. I used strong arguments, and they all adjourned except one surly fellow, whose tardy motion provoked me. I caught him by the hair and led him to the door, where I administered a good swift kick that sent him into the outer darkness. They afterward called me by a peculiar name, which I have forgotten, but which meant the 'little brave white man.'"

The next year several families settled

near Elk Point, and Mr. Wixson plowed and planted sixty acres, which yielded good sod corn and potatoes.

The town of Elk Point was platted in 1861; in 1862 it was incorporated, and Mr. Wixson was president of the first council.

In 1860 Mr. Wixson was appointed postmaster of Elk Point. It was a small affair then, but he has held the office since the town has grown to larger proportions.

Mr. Wixson at one time represented the county of Union in the house of representatives of Dakota. He presented the county with the block of land now used as a courtyard, and the city of Elk Point with the ground where the high school building now stands.

Eli B. Wixson was one of a family of ten boys and one girl born to Daniel Wixson—born August 18, 1786, died December 2, 1852, of English descent; and Deabrah (Conkling) Wixson, born July 7, 1793, died in March, 1864, of Dutch ancestry. Of the eleven children there are now living four sons, three in the state of New York, and the subject of this sketch, in Union county, S. Dak.

Born on the frontier of Christian parents (close communion Baptists), Mr. Wixson never lost, entirely, the desire for a frontier life, nor lost sight of or belief in the faith in which he was reared.

Mr. Wixson was married on November 30, 1865, in Elk Point, Dakota Ter., to Mrs. Clara E. Christie (*née* Cook), and there have been born to them six children—three boys, William M., now in business in Hawarden, Iowa; Frank B. and Eli B., both at home with their parents; and three girls, Mary D., now Mrs. George Walker, residing at Elk Point, S. Dak.; Clara, deceased; and



Alice May, now Mrs. Rev. Wheeler, of Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Mr. Wixson, after speculating a great deal in real estate and town lots, still retains an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres, well improved and valuable, lying about five miles northwest of Elk Point, where he with his good wife and two unmarried sons live in much enjoyment and comfort.

In politics, he has always been a Democrat until the organization of the Populist party in South Dakota; has always been a prominent figure in his party councils, and has filled many positions of honor and trust. In 1866, as before noted, he was elected to and served with honor in the territorial legislature as a representative from Union county. He served one term as register of deeds of his county and one term as county commissioner. He has acted as notary public, is a past master Mason, and was a charter member of the first Masonic lodge of Sioux City, Iowa, and Elk Point, S. Dak. Since coming to Elk Point he has been engaged in farming, hotel-keeping, merchandising, and now boasts that he has settled down to the conscientious occupation of an honest granger.

Mrs. Wixson, a daughter of Capt. Cook, was born August 7, 1840, in Onondago county, N. Y. She is of English descent, and when married to Mr. Wixson had one daughter of a former marriage, Lottie Christy, now the esteemed wife of J. W. Steckman, who is successfully engaged in business in Elk Point, S. Dak. Mr. and Mrs. Wixson, along with their two sons, are members of the First Church of Christian Science of Elk Point, and all firm believers in its tenets and earnest workers

in the advancement of its principles. Mr. Wixson, being the first settler of the present location of the city of Elk Point, and being a man of a peculiarly observant nature and possessed of rare judgment and acumen, is looked upon by his neighbors as a sort of oracle and as an authority on the early history of the Dakotas.

In the fall of 1862 he enlisted in company B, First Dakota cavalry, in the organization of which he materially assisted. This battalion, along with the Sixth Iowa cavalry, rendered excellent service until the close of the war in successfully keeping back the Indians from the frontier settlements. Mr. Wixson served during the whole time and was commissary sergeant of the battalion.

THOMAS VOEGELI, JR. One of the most attractive rural homes in Pleasant township, Lincoln county, is that of the gentleman above named. The estate which he occupies consists of 200 acres, 120 acres of which are under cultivation, is located in section 27, and on every part of it neatness and order prevail, good fences enclosing and subdividing the land. The residence in which live our subject and his estimable wife and family, was built in 1893, at the cost of \$1,200 and is constructed according to modern ideas of beauty, comfort and convenience. A fine grove surrounds the house, and a thrifty orchard also adorns the property, both of which were planted by the enterprising owner.

Thomas Voegeli, Jr., is a native of Switzerland and was born September 6, 1854. He grew to manhood in the old country, and there received a common-school educa-

tion, working for a manufacturing concern during his more mature years, and later becoming watchman in a cotton factory. In the spring of 1875 he emigrated to America, and located after his arrival at Milwaukee, Wis., where he secured employment with a dairyman for ten months. In April of the following year he came to Dakota territory, and took up as a homestead the property whereon he has since resided and now lives. He first built a log shanty for shelter, but as he had no means of his own was compelled to work out for others part of the time in order to make both ends meet. He also succeeded in getting ten acres of his own land broke and planted, but as the grasshoppers made short work of the result of his labor, he went to Iowa for a few months, having been offered a situation there.

In 1878 he took an important step in his career, this being his marriage to Miss Anna Mary Bloomer, a native of Switzerland, born in 1858. Mrs. Voegeli is a daughter of Jacob Bloomer, who now makes his home with his daughter and son-in-law. After their wedding, the young couple took up their domestic life permanently on our subject's homestead, and there they have since lived. Four children have been born to this congenial union who are yet living, viz.: Jacob, Thomas P., Margaret and Ida. The children are all being given good schooling to fit them for the battle of life, and the family are members of the Reformed church of Switzerland.

Our subject has been exclusively engaged in farming, and although he commenced with empty pockets, practically speaking, and was unfortunate enough to arrive in the territory when the grasshoppers caused such devastation; he was, how-

ever, a good manager, carefully regulating his receipts and expenditures, and is now one of the prominent and well-to-do members of the community. He does a mixed agricultural business and raises also some high grade cattle, as well as draft and road horses, having some fine specimens of the latter now in his possession. He has served as a member of the school board, now holding the office of treasurer of that body, and politically is a Republican of the truest and straightest type.

**M**EL T. HOYT, publisher and proprietor of the Parker Press, is a native of Watertown, Wis., and was born in 1854. His parents five years later removed to Sioux City, where they remained six or seven years and then located in Yankton, Dak. Ter. In this latter place our subject grew to maturity and made his home until 1883, that year coming to Parker shortly after his marriage.

Mr. Hoyt in 1885 bought the Parker Press of McConnell & Hughes, and in 1889 put in a steam plant, making it the first printing office in the county to utilize steam. It was also the first building in the town heated by steam.

Mr. Hoyt and his wife are the parents of three children, two boys and a girl, but one of the sons died at the age of six months.

**H**ON. BERNARD C. JACOBS, one of the prominent, substantial and influential business men of Lennox, Lincoln county, where he is engaged in the banking business, was born in Saxony, Germany, in 1832. He is a son of

Christopher G. and Elizabeth (Steiner) Jacobs, both natives of the "Fatherland," and the parents of nine children. They all reside in Germany with the exception of our subject, he being the only one who came to this country.

Bernard grew to manhood in his native land, where he received the advantage of a collegiate education which thoroughly equipped him for the battle of life, and in his twenty-first year came to America alone. He first located at Akron, Ohio, where he remained two years and then settled at Pecatonica, Winnebago Co., Ill., buying an interest in a drugstore there. He had been married in 1856 and was the parent of one daughter, Emma, now the wife of L. Clark, of Elmira, Ohio. Mrs. Jacobs died in 1861, and in 1862 our subject sold out his drug store expecting to enlist in the late war. By a combination of circumstances he was prevented from doing so, and he then went to Chicago where he lived until 1863, that year locating at Evansville, Wis., securing an engagement there as instructor in the Evansville seminary. He remained in Evansville until 1876 when he came to Perry township, Lincoln Co., Dak. Ter., pre-empted a quarter section of land and returned for his family. He followed general farming on the farm for six years and in 1882 removed to Lennox, where he has since resided. In 1884 he organized a private bank and for the accommodation of his business erected the beautiful and commodious brick structure he now occupies, which is a credit to his enterprising methods. He is held in high esteem as a financier and a man possessed of sound and mature judgment, and among the offices in the gift of the people which he was elected to and filled

with due credit, is that of county superintendent of schools, the responsibility of which position he assumed in the spring of 1877. He was re-elected in 1878 and served one year, when he was appointed county treasurer to fill an unexpired term. In 1884 he was elected to the latter office and discharged the duties imposed satisfactorily to all. In 1894 Mr. Jacobs was elected to the state legislature from the district in which he resides, and as a senator in that body has a clean and unimpeachable record. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party and is a strict adherent to its principles.

Mr. Jacobs was united in marriage the second time in Evansville, Wis., to Mary Christ of that city, the ceremony occurring in 1864, and to them have been born four children—Arthur, Lewis, Maud and Henry. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and at present is treasurer of the grand chapter of South Dakota of that order.

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JUDGE W. ELLIOTT, Turner county court's present judicial incumbent, and as popular and well-known a gentleman as there is in the community, was born in Cheltenham, England. His father and mother, William and Ann (Crooks) Elliott, were also natives of the British islands and came to America about 1836, locating at Pittsburg, Pa. The senior Elliott worked in the rolling-mills there, was a gasmaker by trade, and manufactured the first gas ever made in Pittsburg. In 1848 he removed from that city to Brown county, Ill., and located with his family on a farm. He died at the age of seventy-three years, and Mrs. Elliott at the age of sixty-five

years. They were the parents of thirteen children, seven of whom grew to man and womanhood.

The subject of this biography was the third child, and about three years old when he left his native shores with his parents for the new world. His first education was such as was dispensed in the common schools of his day, and then, when eighteen years old, he attended the high school at Mount Sterling, Ill., about a year. He supplemented this with a term at the Virginia college in Cass county, Ill., and later taught school and read law in the office of J. B. Moore at Mount Sterling. He was admitted to the bar at Springfield, Ill., in 1856, and immediately engaged in the practice of his profession in partnership with his preceptor, Mr. Moore. From Illinois he went to Mount Ayr, Iowa, in 1860, hung out his "shingle" and practiced law for two years, at the expiration of which time he walked from that town to St. Joseph, Mo., to enlist in the defense of the nation's honor. He was mustered into company I, Fifth Missouri regiment, cavalry, as a private, and was discharged in 1863 on account of failing eyesight. He returned to Iowa, and that fall was elected to the legislature on the Republican ticket, and represented Ringgold and Taylor counties in the lower house. The following spring he again enlisted, this time in company A, Forty-sixth Iowa regiment, infantry, and while the command was at Collierville, Tenn., he received a commission from President Lincoln promoting him to assistant quartermaster of volunteers, with the rank of captain, and in that capacity he served until the close of hostilities. He received an honorable discharge and returned to Mount Ayr, Iowa, where he engaged in

the practice of law until 1867. That year he went to Panora, Iowa, where he remained till 1872. While a resident there he was elected judge of the county court, and also county auditor, serving also in the appointed position of deputy treasurer of Guthrie county. The year 1872 was the date of Judge Elliott's settlement in Dakota territory. He located on a ranch in Clay county, and experienced the severe trials in the loss of crops during the grasshopper times, and was forced to go to work on the railroad for \$1.10 per day. In 1881, after he had somewhat retrieved his fortunes, he had the further misfortune to lose everything he possessed by high water and overflow of the Missouri river. He had nothing but the clothes he wore, and starvation stared him in the face should he remain; it was either "work or steal," as the Judge says, and he chose the former prerogative and again found employment on the railroad at \$1.10 per day until he got fairly started again. In 1884 he came to Hurley, Turner county, and engaged in the practice of law until 1891, when he located at Parker in the same business in partnership with S. V. Jones. This partnership continued about a year when our subject was elected judge of the county court, which position he now holds, being re-elected in the fall of 1896 to his third consecutive term. He belongs to the E. S. McCook post, G. A. R., at Hurley, and was a member also of the convention which framed the present state constitution, as well as of the commission which divided the property of Dakota territory at the time of the organization of the two states.

Judge Elliott and Miss Mary McPhail were united in wedlock in November, 1856,

the lady being a native of Toronto, Canada, and a daughter of Angus and Mary McPhail. She was reared and grew to maturity in Brown county, Ill. This union has been blessed with twelve children, five of whom are now living, viz.: James D., of Tyn-dall, S. D., chairman of the Republican state central committee; Mary Belle, wife of Charles Baker, of Condon, Ore.; Effie, wife of Thomas Ferguson, of Augusta, Kans.; Lydia M., and Cliffie M., at home.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DA-KOTA. Great is the contrast between this modern institution of learning and the historical "First School House in the Dakotas," and greater still is the progress made by the former since it first opened its doors and class rooms to students. Following is an extract from the regents' report of 1892:

"We look upon the State university as the crowning institution of the educational system. Its duty is to furnish, as fully as its means will allow, for every ambitious young man and woman in the state an opportunity for the highest mental discipline. It must be for the state the center of activity and interest in science, literature, language and in the arts."

"The First School House in the Dakotas," as it is familiarly known, was constructed in 1864 in the beautiful, densely wooded "ravine" at Vermillion. It originally had a sod roof. For a long time it served as a place of meeting for town, religious, political or other purposes. After the school was transferred to the better school building, this modest and historic structure afforded shelter to many a weary

emigrant. It was almost totally destroyed by a flood in 1881, and soon thereafter the last vestige disappeared, leaving a depression within the foundation which still attracts the attention of the traveler on the ravine public road and the railway. The ambition and enterprise of early Dakotans is suggested by the fact that the first territorial legislature located the State university at Vermillion in 1862, two years before this modest school house was constructed, and a longer time before any county in the great territory had anything approaching a system of common schools.

The first territorial legislature of Dakota passed an act locating the University of Dakota in the city of Vermillion, April 21, 1862. An act of detailed incorporation was passed at the ensuing session. Memorials for aid to endow the institution were addressed to congress by the legislature of 1862-3, 1863-4, 1865-6 and 1874-5, but nothing further was done until 1881, when congress made a grant of seventy-two sections of public land to Dakota "for the use and support of a university when it should be admitted as a state into the Union." Following this action, citizens of Vermillion formed a corporate association "to locate the University of Dakota in fact," and secured the co-operation of Clay county, which on March 13, 1882, issued bonds to the amount of \$10,000 for the erection of buildings. With the proceeds of these bonds the association constructed the west wing of University hall upon the twenty-acre campus donated by public-spirited citizens. At the same time they organized an academic department, the classes of which were conducted in the court house at Vermillion during two terms of 1882-3.

The legislature of 1883 ratified and sustained this action, accepted the free gift made to the territory of the buildings begun, granted an appropriation to continue these and to meet current expenses, and passed an act incorporating the university anew. The first regular classes began on September 17, 1883. In 1884, the middle portion of the main building was partially constructed. In 1885-6 it was completed, waterworks were added and West hall was built. In 1887, with a large appropriation, and a new board of management, considerable extensions were introduced. The east wing was added to the main building, and East hall, the young ladies' dormitory, was erected. The name of the institution was changed to "University of South Dakota" in 1891. University hall, burned October 15, 1893, was rebuilt upon improved plans. For the construction, Clay county contributed \$30,000, and the city and citizens of Vermillion about \$12,500, the two sums being in addition to personal donations and other special funds aggregating about \$2,500 for equipment for current work immediately following the fire.

The university campus, located about a half mile from the center of the city, has an area of twenty acres, its boundary being marked by rapidly growing trees, while over its surface are many large trees which add beauty and comfort to the surroundings. In few cities in any part of the country do trees grow as surely and rapidly as in Vermillion. In large number, the elm, maple, walnut, ash, box-elder, cottonwood, basswood, evergreens, coffee-bean, and other forest and ornamental trees and shrubs, give generous shade and ornamentation rarely found in a new community. Ivies and other vines,

planted within recent years, are already adding grace to the buildings, while drives and blue-grass lawns have made a beginning in the development of the landscape-gardener's plans adopted for the campus. Taken with the shaded streets and private grounds of the city, and the views of the rivers and the bluffs, the university premises afford surroundings unequalled for beauty in the state.

A system of sewer draining, connected with the Vermillion river, with an ample supply of water, insure proper sanitary conditions of grounds and buildings.

University hall, the main building, is a large and imposing stone structure, containing the offices, recitation rooms, chapel, library, laboratories, apparatus, museum, armory, cloak rooms, etc. It is lighted by electricity, an arc light in the front, lighting the grounds, and is heated with steam by the "fan-system" of heating and ventilating, the steam being generated in a detached boiler house.

East hall, a beautiful, three-story and basement structure built of Sioux quartzite, provides rooms for young ladies. It is heated with steam, lighted by electricity, supplied with both artesian and cistern water, bath rooms and water closets on each floor, contains musical instruments, parlors and reception rooms, and is the home of the lady principal, who has suitable private apartments. The university dining hall, in charge of an experienced stewardess, is on the first floor of this building.

West hall, providing rooms for the young men, is a plain two and one-half story and basement brick building, supplied with water, water closets and bath rooms, is heated by stoves, and lighted by electricity.

Connected with the library is a reading





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room, furnished with reference books, a well selected list of periodicals and newspapers, and superior facilities for reading and study.

This library is the designated depository for South Dakota of the documents published for distribution by the federal government.

The physical laboratory is supplied with apparatus for the investigation of the principles of mechanics, optics, acoustics, and electricity. Among its pieces of apparatus are an Atwood's machine; a siren; a spectrogoniometer; a polariscope; a dynamometer; an ammeter; voltmeter; galvanometer, with scale and reading telescope; resistance coils.

The general chemical laboratory is admirably appointed, with modern conveniences for qualitative and quantitative analysis, and will accommodate over thirty students at one time.

This department also has an instructor's separate laboratory and recitation room combined, and a weighing room.

The present biological cabinet is on the "typical" plan, superior for instructional purposes, and representative in its character, containing beside a large collection from other sources, the best specimens from the biological section of the German educational exhibit at the world's fair.

The university, as at present organized, embraces: The college of science, literature and arts, the South Dakota college of music, the South Dakota college of business, and the sub-freshman department.

Joseph W. Mauck, L.L. D., the president of the university, was born in Cheshire, Gallia Co., Ohio, August 17, 1852. His early life was spent on a farm in his native county, and the rudiments of education he gleaned in the district schools then in vogue.

Later he took a course in the Cheshire academy, preparatory to entering college, and in 1870 became a student in the Hillsdale college, of Hillsdale, Mich. From this institution he graduated five years later, and in 1876 was appointed a member of the faculty, holding the chair of Greek some four years. He then took a partial post-graduate course at the John Hopkins university, and returned to Hillsdale college, but after serving as professor of Latin for two years, his health beginning to fail, he gave up his labors in the educational line and engaged in the publishing business in Chicago. From 1885 to 1891 he was manager of an insurance and trust company in Minneapolis, and in October of the latter year was elected president of the University of South Dakota, in which official capacity he has since served.

Though the university suffered great loss on account of the fire which destroyed the main building in 1893, as noted above, through the generosity of the public-spirited citizens of Clay county and the city of Vermillion, a greatly improved structure was erected. The university now ranks high among the state institutions of learning in its courses and instruction.

**J**OHAN R. WOOD, the well-known and popular liveryman and sales stable proprietor of Elk Point, is a native of Montgomery county, N. Y. He was born in 1820, and is a son of John I. and Sarah L. (Cornue) Wood, also natives of Montgomery county, N. Y. The father of our subject was a contractor and builder by trade, and was engaged in that occupation all through his life with the

exception of four years when he was guard at the Auburn state prison of New York. Mr. Wood died in New York State, and his wife after his demise, came to reside in Walworth county, Wis., where she also passed away. They were the parents of seven children, viz.: John R., Mary, Norman L., Jane A., Charlotte, Charles H. and Harriet E.

Our subject remained at home till he was eleven years of age, when his father died, and then went to live with an uncle in the same county, for whom he worked hauling lumber, etc., doing a man's work. He remained with his uncle for three years when he hired out to drive a wholesale liquor wagon, which he continued for six years. That was the first position he had had where he received any pay for his services. Later on he went to the state of Arkansas where he was to take charge of a plantation and slaves; there he remained for a year and then went to Louisiana to another plantation which he conducted for eighteen months. That plantation was near Charles City, and employed forty field hands. When he finished in the south he returned to Montgomery county, N. Y., and in 1844 was married to Miss Eveline Palmer, a native of that county, and a daughter of Henry Palmer who was a man engaged extensively in dairying in that vicinity. After his marriage he came to Southport (now Kenosha), Wis., where he started in farming and the next year purchased eighty acres of land on the Fox river which he farmed for six months. When he sold out he went to Columbia county, Wis., and settled on a pre-emption claim of 160 acres at the head of the Fox river, where he lived for ten years, and during

that time he made some fine improvements in the shape of a nice residence, orchard, etc. After selling that farm he removed to Portage City, Wis., where he was engaged in conducting a large livery business for four years, after which he came to Fari-bault, Minn., and engaged in farming again until 1860, purchasing two hundred acres of land. From Minnesota he came to Dakota territory June 1, 1860, and took up a homestead adjoining the city of Elk Point. This property he improved and lived on for seventeen years, when he moved into the village where he has since resided. While he was a resident of Elk Point township he served in the Civil war for three years, enlisting as first lieutenant of company B, Dakota cavalry; he was also commissioned a recruiting officer which position he filled for three years. He participated in the battles of White Stone Hills and Falling Spring, Montana, and during the latter engagement was slightly wounded. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged at Sioux City, November 15, 1865, and returned to his home.

After his return from the war, Mr. Wood engaged in the hotel business for two years, during which time he also conducted a livery, and the latter business he has continued for the past twenty-five years. He has also dealt in real estate a little and was quite extensively engaged in live stock and cattle trading. In politics he is a Democrat, and was the first county commissioner appointed by Gov. Jayne. He served as commissioner of Union county for eleven years, and sheriff one year, having been appointed to fill a vacancy, and since the incorporation of Elk Point he has served as city councilman for seven years. As a citi-





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zen, he has been closely identified with the success of the city's development. Socially, he belongs to the Stephen A. Hulbert post No. 9, G. A. R., and he is also a trustee of the Baptist church, of which he and wife are members in good standing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood are the parents of the following children, viz.: Charles H., Lorenzo L., Uriah, Harriet E., Margaret, Mary, Eveline, and Charlotte.

The attention of the reader is invited to a portrait of Mr. and Mrs. Wood, which will be found in another part of this volume.

**H**ON. OSCAR S. GIFFORD is a noted lawyer of Canton and a gentleman who holds a conspicuous position among the most eminent members of the Bar of South Dakota, both for his legal ability and forensic power. His residence in South Dakota extends over a period of a quarter of a century, and his record as an honorable and upright citizen is without a blemish.

The natal day of Judge Gifford was October 20, 1842, and his birth place Watertown, N. Y. When he had attained the age of five years his parents removed to Rock county, Wis.; but five years later he returned to New York to take up his residence with his maternal grandfather, David Resseguie, for two years. In the meantime his parents had removed to Boone county, Ill., from Wisconsin, and in the latter place our subject joined them and continued to make his home much of the time until 1871, although in the meantime he was in the employ of the government for about a year and a half in the engineer corps.

Judge Gifford enlisted in the cause of the preservation of the Union in September, 1864, and served in the Elgin (Ill.) battery until July, 1865, when he received an honorable discharge. After the war was over he decided to study for the legal profession, as he had a natural aptitude for that calling, and, with this objective point in view, he became a student at the Beloit academy at Beloit, Wis., and also taught school. In 1868 he took up his law studies in earnest in an office at Belvidere, Ill., and in 1870 was admitted to the bar. In 1871 he came to Lincoln county, and the first year of his residence here was spent in the mercantile business, and was later engaged for a time in surveying. He did not enter into the practice of his profession exclusively until 1873, and that year was elected a justice of the peace, the following year enjoyed election to the responsible position of district attorney, but did not qualify. Early during 1875 he formed a partnership with the late Mark W. Bailey, which continued till the death of the latter, in the fall of 1878. Since 1873 Mr. Gifford has given close attention to his professional duties and those of official life, continuing the habit of study which he formed in youth, and necessary to the remembrance of the precedents established under the great principles of law and equity. As a citizen Judge Gifford has been constantly before the public. In 1882 and '83 he served as mayor of Canton, and was a delegate to the constitutional convention, which convened at Sioux Falls September 7, 1883. He was elected territorial delegate to the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth congresses, and enjoyed re-election to the Fifty-first congress on the Republican ticket, receiving 51,136 votes, against

22,153 cast for his opponent, Mr. J. M. Booth, on the Democratic ticket. He was also a candidate for the nomination of governor before the Republican state convention at Aberdeen, S. Dak., which assembled July 7, 1896.

While in congress Mr. Gifford served upon the committees of agriculture, Indian affairs, and public buildings and grounds, which had charge of the more important measures in which the people of Dakota were interested. It was largely through his efforts that the great Sioux and Sisseton and Wahpeton Indian reservations were opened to settlement, and Indian industrial schools were established at Pierre and Flaudreau, and a large number of day schools opened in the Indian country.

Mr. Gifford also reported to the house of representatives and had full charge of the measure for the construction of the public building at Sioux Falls. The question concerning the division of Dakota and the admission of North and South Dakota as states was the most important measure before congress while Mr. Gifford was a member thereof, and it was largely through his efforts, aided by the sentiment of his constituents, that Dakota was divided and two states formed from the immense territory. The measure known as the omnibus bill, by which North and South Dakota, Montana and Washington became states, was approved by the president and became a law February 22, 1889, and at the first election thereafter, held in October, 1889, Mr. Gifford was elected one of the representatives for South Dakota.

From the above record it will be seen that Judge Gifford has been actively identified with the affairs of the state, and it is

with pleasure that we give to the readers of this volume, a brief history of his life work. None know him but to respect him for his honorable, just, and straightforward manners, and his character is above reproach.

The interesting ceremony which united the lives of Mr. O. S. Gifford and Miss Phoebe M. Fuller, was performed in Canton, May 14, 1874. This estimable lady is a native of Ohio, and her domestic life, with our subject, has been brightened by the birth of one son, on whom has been bestowed the name of Oscar Bailey. Mr. Gifford holds the commission of attorney for the C., M. & St. P. railroad company, and socially belongs to the Masonic fraternity. In this order he has served as grand master of the Blue Lodge, in which he holds membership. From 1882 to 1884 he was grand master of the territory of Dakota. Our subject also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and commemorates his service as a soldier in the late war, by membership in Gen. Lyon post, G. A. R.

**N**ELSON PATNOE. This gentleman occupies an excellent station among the farmers of Pleasant township, Lincoln county, to which he is fairly entitled by the success with which he has met in the prosecution of his chosen vocation.

Mr. Patnoe is a native of Franklin county, N. Y., and of French descent. His natal day was December 30, 1847, and he passed his early life on the home farm, attending school during the winter terms. When the great Civil war broke out our subject was fourteen years of age, and he decided that he would be a soldier. He enlisted in the First New York

regiment, engineer corps, but was so small that all he could handle was a drum, and as a drummer boy he served all through the war. The regiment was first ordered to South Carolina, and was stationed on James Island for nine months; later they went to Virginia and joined Gen. Grant's army. The regiment was on the James river from that time to the close of hostilities, and after the surrender at Richmond our subject was mustered out in June, 1865, being honorably discharged at New York city.

After the war Mr. Patnoe returned to his home in Franklin county, N. Y., and the next year was married to Miss Allie Jean St. Andre, a native of Montreal, Canada. He sold a colt which he owned for \$48, and with this as a nest-egg he and his young bride began their domestic life. They first settled in Prairie-du-Chien, Wis., where Mr. Patnoe secured employment for four years, and then in 1870, removed to Winneshiek county, Iowa, and rented a farm which he operated for two years more. During the winter of 1873 he moved to Sioux City, Iowa, and then in March following came to Dakota territory and located a homestead in Norway township, Lincoln county. The township at that time was populated wholly by Norwegians, he being the only American-born person in the locality. This farm he improved and made his home for eight years, that is during the warm months, as every summer for five years straight he had his crops destroyed by grasshoppers, and on this account had to move to Sioux City every fall, and then back to the farm in the spring. He eventually sold that property for \$800, and with half the proceeds bought and removed to his present farm in section 35, of Pleasant township, where he has been living with his

family the past fourteen years. He has 240 acres, all under improvement, enclosed and subdivided by neat and well kept fences. He has been a hardworker, and all that he now possesses is the result of well-applied energy and sound management in his affairs, as when he arrived in the territory all he could call his own was his good wife and family, a team and wagon and about five dollars in currency.

For thirty years the joys and sorrows of Mr. Patnoe have been shared by his faithful wife, and to them have been born thirteen children, but two of these have been removed by the hand of death. The living are: John, Mrs. Josephine Fillian, Mrs. Ida La Barge, Mrs. Minnie Grandrau, Mrs. Matilda Montagne, Willie, Napoleon, Zoa, Eda, Alice and Henry. Mr. Patnoe is a friend of education, having served as a member of the school board, and gives his children good facilities for obtaining an education. The family belongs to the Catholic church at Beresford, and in politics Mr. Patnoe is independent, although he formerly affiliated with the Republican party. He has served as road supervisor and in many other ways has been identified with the public life of the community where he resides.

**J** T. GUERNSEY. Among the leading and highly respected citizens of Parker township, Turner county, who is also one of the early settlers, is the gentleman of whom this sketch is written. He has a fine farm of 160 acres located in section 28, well improved and cultivated, where he carries on the business of general farming. He was born June 25, 1855, in Cortland county, N. Y., and is a son of

Amasa and Loretta (Copeland) Guernsey, both natives of New York, who came to Minnesota in 1872 and settled on a farm in Nobles county, where the former died at the age of fifty-seven years. Mrs. Guernsey still resides on the old homestead. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom are living.

J. T. Guernsey passed his boyhood in his native county, where he also acquired a common-school education, and resided until he was seventeen years of age. In 1873 he accompanied his parents to Minnesota and in 1876 came to Turner county, Dak. Ter. He entered 160 acres as a homestead when he arrived, and he has carried on the same ever since. He is a Republican politically and also a member of Parker lodge No. 2, A. O. U. W.

Mr. Guernsey was united in marriage October 28, 1885, to Miss Minnie Vaughn, a native of Bremer county, Iowa, where she was reared. They have been blest with two children—Lanta and Earl.

**G**EORGE W. VINSON, the gentleman whose sketch next claims attention, is a native of Lee county, Ill., and the eldest son of Hon. Richard T. and Elizabeth (Cowin) Vinson, who came with their family to Dakota territory in 1865, and settled in Union county. They lived there until 1891, when they removed to Vermillion, and there Mrs. Vinson passed away, in February, 1893, having borne her husband eight children.

Our subject first saw the light February 10, 1852. He accompanied his parents to Dakota, and remained under the parental roof till 1890, February 23rd of which year

he led to the altar of hymen Miss Margaret L. Hempstead, who was a native of Ohio. After their marriage, the young couple settled on the farm in section 25, Fairview township, Clay county, where they now live and have ever since resided. The estate consists of some 120 acres, all improved, on which Mr. Vinson carries on a general farming business.

The family is completed by two children, Agnes E. and Dwight McKinley. Mr. Vinson has served his fellow-men as school clerk and treasurer, taking an active interest in all educational matters, and socially he holds membership in the Diamond Willow camp No. 3403, M. W. A. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party, and is a staunch upholder of its principles by both voice and vote.

**M**ATHIAS SCHMID, SR. This highly respected gentleman is one of the early settlers of Lincoln county, and a prominent, and successful agriculturist of Pleasant township. He is a native of Switzerland, was born June 14, 1830, and is the eldest of the six members of the family now living, the others being Henry, Adam, Catherine, Thomas and Milicher. He was reared in the picturesque land of his birth, gleaned his education in the common schools, and when he had attained the age of fifteen years he accompanied his parents to America. That was in 1845, and the family immediately settled in Green county, Wis., where both the parents passed from time to eternity.

Our subject grew to manhood in the Badger state, and having been bred to the



life of a farmer, adopted that calling as his life work. He was industrious, and during his more mature years owned a farm near his father's. This land, however, he sold and with the money purchased a mill which he operated for five years. In the spring of 1873, he came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., taking up a claim in section 14, of Pleasant township, which he improved and in due course proved upon. When he arrived the township was yet unorganized, no roads existed, but here and there could be seen the cabins of the pioneers. Our subject was poor when he arrived, and saw some pretty hard times during his early residence in the county. He was unfortunate, like many others, in having his crops destroyed by the grasshoppers, and for a time had a hard struggle for existence. Those times have passed, however, and he is now considered one of the substantial citizens of the county. His attention has been devoted exclusively to farming, and by applying himself strictly to his business, carefully calculating receipts and expenditures, he has succeeded, and is now the fortunate owner of a whole section of land, all improved. He has been supervisor of roads, and served as school treasurer for many years, always discharging the duties imposed with marked ability. Politically he is, and has been, an ardent and steadfast Republican, and supports the candidates of that party with his vote. He is interested, as all good citizens are, in whatever will promote the welfare of the community, and in his own quiet way assists in all worthy enterprises.

The marriage of Mr. Schmid and Miss Magdalena Duerst occurred in 1854, and by this union he became the father of ten chil-

dren, nine of whom survive, viz.: Bathasar, married Miss Anna Kundert, and has three children; Katie is the wife of Henry Kundert, and the mother of eight children; Mathias, Jr., married Miss Mary Duerst, and is the father of four children; Joshua; Lena is the wife of John Messner, and has seven children; Margarite married Andrew Johnson, and is the mother of three children; Anna became the wife of Jacob Vogeli, and has three children; John Henry married Miss Bell Arnesen, and has two children; and Fannie married John Bovill, and is the mother of two children. Mrs. Schmid passed to her last resting place October 25, 1893, at the age of fifty-seven years, while on a visit to Wisconsin, and is buried in the cemetery in Pleasant township. The family are members of the Evangelical Association church, of which Mr. Schmid has been trustee for some years.

ALLEN D. KELLER. Among the prominent gentlemen engaged in the practice of law in Elk Point is Allen D. Keller, state's attorney. He is a native of Stark county, Ohio, and was born in 1853, a son of John H. and Mary (McCavit) Keller, also natives of Ohio. The father of our subject was an attorney-at-law and practiced the profession since he was a young man in Ohio, then in Illinois, and is at present located in Jackson county, Kans. He was at one time district judge there, has also been a state senator, and is a very prominent man of his locality where he is highly respected by all who know him.

Allen D. Keller was educated at Massillon, Ohio, and graduated in 1872. He then entered his father's law office in Kansas and

was admitted to the bar there in 1874. He remained in partnership with his father for nine years under the firm name of Keller & Keller until 1882, when he left Kansas and came to Elk Point, Dak. Ter., where he has been actively engaged in practice of his profession since. He came to Dakota for his health, which has been much better since his residence here. Mr. Keller has set an example for his fellow townsmen and shown his confidence in the future of the city by building a nice family residence, which he occupies with his family. He has been closely identified with the development of Elk Point and the vicinity, and always supports any worthy enterprises that tend to promote the public good. He is highly esteemed as a citizen and a man of undoubted integrity. Socially he is a member of the K. of P. and is now grand chancellor of that order for South Dakota, and also uniform commander of the same organization. Politically he uses his right of suffrage in supporting the Republican party. He was sent as a delegate to the state convention in 1892, and, at Madison, S. Dak., was elected chairman of the delegation from Union county. He is also lieutenant colonel of the state military organization—Dakota national guards.

Mr. Keller was married in 1874 to Miss Alice J. Proctor, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Pollock) Proctor, who were also natives of the "Buckeye state." Mr. Proctor was a soldier in the Civil war, and is now a resident of Linn county, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Keller have been born four children, viz.: Eldon C., Hazel M., Goldwin G. and Claire P. The family are all attendants at the Episcopal church.

**W**R. WOOD. Among the enterprising business men of Turner county there is probably none so well known as the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. Mr. Wood was born in Green Lake county, Wis., October 26, 1859, and is a son of Norman I. and Julia (Welliver) Wood. The former is a native of New York and came to Wisconsin at an early day, settling in Green Lake county, where he was one of the pioneers. He was a farmer by occupation, and of Mohawk-Dutch descent. His wife was born in Pennsylvania, of Pennsylvania-Dutch descent. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are still living on the old homestead in Green Lake county, Wis., and are the parents of four children, viz.: Charles A., W. R., the subject of this biography, Bert N., and Ella, now the wife of Harry L. Vesper, of Green Lake county, Wis.

W. R. Wood was the second child in order of birth, and passed his minority in his native county, attending the common schools of the district, and later for three years was a student at the Oshkosh State Normal school. After the completion of his studies he located in Winterset, Iowa, where he remained for a year and then removed to Sanborn, same state, as an agent in the lumber business. In the fall of 1883 he came to Parker, Turner county, and engaged in the lumber business here as agent and manager of the Oshkosh Lumber company. This he continued for five years and in 1888 bought a half interest in the company's yards at Alexandria and Parker, the firm name being changed from that time on to W. R. Wood & Co. Beside this business Mr. Wood bought, February 12, 1895, Mr. Vale P. Thielman's abstract, loan and





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real-estate business, which he also conducts under the name of W. R. Wood & Co. In this connection it might be stated that the abstract books purchased of Mr. Thielman were the only records of the kind in the county at the time of the destruction of the court house by fire, March 24, 1890. This conflagration also destroyed all of book "N" of mortgages, with over eleven hundred transfers, and plat record No. 1, containing all the town plats. Mr. Wood, therefore, has the only true and complete set of abstract books in the county, and for these he paid a neat sum of money.

Mr. Wood, politically, is a strong supporter of Republican principles and a believer in a gold standard on the financial question. He has been a member of the board of education for ten years and has always taken an active interest in all school matters. He is also a member of the Park-er lodges of the I. O. O. F. and K. of P.

**H**ON. VALE P. THIELMAN. The gentleman who has the honor of bearing this name, although now a resident of Iowa Falls, Iowa, will always be remembered as one of Turner county's most prominent men, both publicly and privately, and a pioneer of the region. No citizen has taken a more active interest in the development of the community, or worked harder to secure it, than Mr. Thielman, and to him many of the now prosperous agriculturists of the county owe their start on the road to wealth.

Our subject, a portrait of whom appears on another page, is a native of the kingdom of Prussia, born October 10, 1843, and is a son of Peter and Margaret Thielman, both

of whom were natives of the German empire. They emigrated in 1846 to the land of the free, and located in Erie county, N. Y., where Mr. Thielman followed his trade of wagon-making, and where they both passed from time to eternity, aged sixty-five and seventy-three years, respectively. Of the family of two sons and two daughters born to this worthy couple, all grew to man and womanhood, but our subject is the only member now living.

Vale P. Thielman was the youngest of the family and a little over two years old when his parents emigrated to America from the fatherland. He passed his boyhood and youth in the Empire state and six months will cover all the schooling he ever received, he attending the common schools of Erie county that length of time. When the great Civil war broke out our subject was seventeen years of age and was one of the first to offer his services in upholding the national honor. He was accordingly enrolled as a private in Third United States regiment, infantry, in 1861, and during his service as a member of this regiment he participated in many hotly contested battles. In the engagement at Gettysburg he was wounded by a piece of shell, and during the progress of the second battle of Bull's Run he was again wounded, this time by a minie ball. Upon the expiration of his term of enlistment in 1864 he was discharged, but immediately re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-seventh Illinois regiment, infantry, was promoted from private to first lieutenant, and in the latter capacity served until the close of hostilities in 1865 and was honorably discharged. June 1, 1867, Mr. Thielman started west and in 1869 located in what is now Turner county, S. Dak. His near-

est neighbor at that time was twenty miles distant, and the land as far as his eye could reach was little better than a barren wilderness. Settlers, however, began to arrive and on the organization of the county our subject laid out and platted the site of the present town of Swan Lake, where the seat of justice, records, etc., were first established. When the court house was removed to Parker in 1881, Mr. Thielman also removed thither and there made his residence until February, 1895, since which time he has lived in Sioux City and Iowa Falls. In this connection it may be stated that although Mr. Thielman has his home in Iowa Falls, he spends much of his time and makes his headquarters in Parker where his interests are largely located. From the time of his arrival in the territory until 1895, our subject was engaged in the real-estate, loan and abstract business, and during his early career, assisted many worthy men financially and otherwise, in getting started as farmers, many of whom are now independent and in good circumstances. In 1895 he sold out his business to Messrs. W. R. Wood & Co., who now conduct it, and since that time Mr. Thielman has devoted his attention to settling up his affairs and incidentally enjoying the fruits of well-directed energy and labor.

Our subject was fortunate in the choice of a life companion, winning in the person of Miss Sarah J. Black a devoted wife of culture and refinement, and their domestic life has been one of happiness and contentment. Mrs. Thielman is a native of Jo Daviess county, Ill., where she passed her girlhood and grew to maturity, and a daughter of Daniel and Maria Black. Their marriage occurred October 11, 1873. Mr.

and Mrs. Thielman have no children of their own, but they adopted, raised and educated a young lady on whom they bestowed the name of Nora M. She is now established in a home of her own, being the wife of Mr. Morris H. Leitner, of Sioux City.

Mr. Thielman is a Republican "from the ground up," and has always used his elective franchise in supporting the candidates of that party. As a citizen he was popular, well-liked and universally esteemed for his many excellent traits of character, and was often called upon to serve his fellow townspeople in various official capacities. At the organization of the county in 1871 he was elected register of deeds and county clerk, serving eight years in that capacity, and as clerk of the district court spent fifteen and a half years. From 1876 to 1878 he was a member of the board of emigration, and in 1880 was elected to the lower house of the territorial legislature, serving two years. Mr. Thielman was also the first state senator from Turner county in 1890, and besides the foregoing has held various minor city and county offices, such as Chairman of the board of supervisors, deputy county treasurer, mayor of Parker and postmaster of Swan Lake, etc. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F. and K. of P. lodges at Parker, and the A. O. U. W. fraternity of the same place.

**H**ON. DARWIN M. INMAN, a prominent business man of Vermillion, is a native of the Empire state, born in Clarendon, Orleans county. He was reared on a farm and attended the common schools in which he was taught the elementary branches of learning. Later he

became a student at the Holley and Albion (New York) academies, where he was fitted for college, and in due time graduated from the Rochester university. On the completion of his education he taught school in his native state for a while (he yet holds a New York state teacher's certificate) and then decided on coming west. He arrived in Vermillion, Dak. Ter., December 30, 1874, and shortly afterward engaged in banking with M. D. Thompson and M. J. Lewis, they conducting a private bank until the First National bank of Vermillion was organized a few years later, at which time our subject was elected president. He is also a member of the firm of Thompson & Lewis, grain and agricultural implement dealers, and is quite largely interested in buying and selling real estate in different sections of the country.

Politically Mr. Inman has always affiliated with the Democratic party, and being the possessor of sound judgment and business ability, and integrity of character beyond reproach, he has been frequently called upon to accept public offices. He was elected supervisor of his native town in New York state two terms, and in the spring of 1876, after coming to Vermillion, was elected alderman and chosen president of the board. The fall of the same year—1876—he was elected a member of the territorial legislature, and was re-elected to the same position twice, serving in all three terms in that body. He was also a member of the first state legislature and served for six years as chairman of the Democratic state central committee. Mr. Inman is a staunch friend of education and has been closely identified with the growth and progress of the State university, having served as director and

trustee four terms. He is now a member of the present board of trustees of that institution. Socially our subject belongs to Incense lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., chapter No. 21, of Vermillion, DeMolay commandary No. 3, of Yankton, and Elriad shrine of Sioux Falls.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Adele Lewis, a native of New York state, was celebrated December 28, 1874.



MILLARD BENNETT, auditor of Lincoln county, is a native of Allegany county, N. Y., and was born June 5, 1853. His father and mother, Daniel and Sylvia (Hatch) Bennett were natives of England and New York state respectively, and the former is now a resident of Plano, Ill., where he is spending the evening of a useful life.

Millard was reared in the place of his nativity and given during his life the advantages of a liberal education. After he had mastered the rudiments of learning in the common schools he subsequently became a student at Pike seminary, Wyoming county, N. Y. Until he had attained the age of twenty years he continued to make his home in the Empire State, a member of the parental household, and then he struck out for himself. He located first in Kane county, Ill., where he secured employment at teaching for a year, and then in March, 1874, he came to Dakota territory and homesteaded a farm in Lincoln county. He did not stay here long at that time, but the following autumn returned to Illinois and resumed teaching in Kane and Kendall counties until the spring of 1881, at that time coming to Lincoln county and locating

here permanently. He now owns 560 acres in Grant township and always devoted his attention to the farming business since being a resident of the county until the spring of 1895, when he assumed the duties of county auditor, to which responsible position he had been elected the fall of the previous year on the Republican ticket. He is a keen observer and a man who keeps well abreast of the times, always being in full sympathy with and a staunch supporter of any feasible scheme that will tend to enhance the public welfare. While a resident of Grant township he held many of the offices in the gift of his fellow townsmen, among them being township clerk and assessor. He has always taken much interest in local affairs and is one of the prominent and rising citizens of the county.

Our subject was united in marriage March 17, 1879, in Aurora, Ill., to Miss Mary E. Davis, who is a native of De Kalb county, that state. Their household is completed by six children on whom have been bestowed the following names: Ethel, Claude, Wynn, Lyle, Mabel and Bonnie. Mr. Bennett is in all respects an upright, straightforward man, sincere and conscientious in all his dealings, and no one can bring aught against his character, or can impeach his standing, which is of the highest in this community where he is well known and respected.

**H**ON. WILLIAM SHRINER, a retired farmer, and one of the oldest settlers of Clay county, was born in York county, Penn., February 23, 1822. When he was thirteen years of age his parents removed to Belmont county,

Ohio, and there William grew to manhood, learning the trade of wagon maker from his father, Lawrence Shriner, who followed that occupation. He continued to make his home in Belmont county for some twenty years, during which time he was married to Miss Patience Dawson, a native of that county, the wedding occurring May 4, 1843, and to this union were born five children, two of whom died in Belmont county, as did likewise their mother, her death taking place May 15, 1853. The surviving children are Jesse, Jane, the wife of Charles Schossee, and Joel.

When Mr. Shriner left the Buckeye state he brought his father and the three children to Bureau county, Ills., and settled on a farm near Lamoille, and there he followed agriculture in connection with carpentering for a period of eight years. There also November 18, 1857, he contracted a second marriage, this time Harriett Pitman being the bride. She was also a native of Belmont county, Ohio; her union to our subject has been blessed to them by the advent of eight children, but two of whom are living, viz.: Flora, the wife of J. A. Marvin, and Charles Byron. The remaining six, Eldora, Cora B., Etta M., Ethel G., Ella L., and Bartlett L., were all taken ill with diphtheria at their parents' home in Vermillion, where their deaths occurred.

Mr. Shriner, on leaving the Prairie state, located in Carroll county, Iowa, where he carried on farming for some three years, and then, early in the summer of 1860, came to the territory of Dakota, and located on a claim in what is now Vermillion township, Clay county. The following March he brought his family to his homestead and continued to make that property his home



until the winter of 1875 when he rented the farm and removed to Vermillion. He made the city his home for ten or twelve years, then returned to his farm; but subsequently he again took up his residence in Vermillion and there he still lives. While living in Iowa, Mr. Shriner was elected county judge, serving two years, and in 1875 was appointed, by the commissioners of Clay county, treasurer of the county, which office he held for some eleven years. He was also a member of the territorial legislature during 1863 and '64, at one time filled the office of internal revenue collector in the territories of Dakota and Wyoming, and has been a member of the Vermillion city council for several years, as well as probate judge of Clay county.

**R**OBERT J. WAY, the present clerk of courts of Turner county, S. Dak., first saw the light in Ellenburgh, N. Y., May 15, 1866. He was but twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to Dakota territory, in 1878 and since then has always lived in Turner county. In the district schools he acquired a practical education, and remained at home till he was nineteen years of age. He worked at whatever he could find to do that produced a living, being employed in drilling wells for four years, and two years at farming. In 1894 he was elected to his present office, clerk of courts, and re-elected to that position in 1896. He affiliates with the Republican party in politics, staunchly supporting its principles, and is a member of the K. of P., and A. O. U. W. orders at Parker.

Mr. Way was united in marriage April

3, 1891, to Miss Mable Gorton, by whom he has a family of three children, Ray, Lloyd and Gail. Mrs. Way is a native of Iowa, and came to Dakota in 1876 with her parents.

The parents of Mr. Way, Tabor I. and Mary (Henderson) Way, now reside in Dolton township, Turner county. He is a native of Vermont, and removed to a place near Plattsburgh, N. Y., with his parents when but twelve years of age. He was married in New York, and in 1868 came with his wife and family to Iowa, staying there until 1878, when he arrived in Dakota and located in Middleton township, Turner county, on a farm. This property he improved and made his home for two years, when he sold out and settled where he now lives. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, Robert J. Way being the second child in order of their birth.

**S**AMUEL HAMMOND, deceased, one of the "brave boys in blue," and formerly a resident of Elk Point township, Union county, was born in Paris, Oxford Co., Me., May 4, 1833. He was a son of Jason Hammond, who was a descendant of an old family of that state.

The subject of this memoir grew to manhood in his native place, receiving during his youth a practical education in the district schools. Shortly after his marriage in 1855, to Miss Clarinda Robbins, a daughter of Charles and Mary Ann (Cotton) Robbins, who was also born in the Pine Tree state, he removed to Winnebago county, Wis., where he resided with his family sixteen or seventeen years, engaged extensively in

farming, and subsequently located in Dakota territory, purchasing 225 acres near Elk Point, which constitutes the home farm. For a number of years prior to his death he and his sons were engaged in railroad contracting, and in this business he was also eminently successful.

Mr. Hammond has an interesting war history. He was one of the many brave and courageous fellows, who, at the call of their country, shouldered arms and prepared to defend the national honor. Of company A, Thirty-eighth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, he was enrolled a member in 1864, and he served till the close of hostilities, taking part in the last battle of that period of strife. He was a private soldier, under the command of Gen. Grant, and participated in all the engagements fought in and around Richmond and Petersburg. Mr. Hammond was wounded twice in battle—in the head and hand—and to the effects of the first named wound, from which he never entirely recovered, his demise is attributed. As a brave and efficient soldier he served his country well, enduring without complaint the hardship and suffering incident to camp life, as well as active duty during the great Civil war, and was honorably discharged June 2, 1865. He was affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, and held membership in the post at Elk Point.

To Mr. Hammond and his estimable wife were born four children, two sons—Horace and Eugene, who reside with their mother on the farm, and two daughters, deceased. The were both named Mabel.

Mr. Hammond in life was an ardent Democrat. He was widely and favorably known and respected for his many excellent traits of character. Possessed of keen busi-

ness judgment, he was prospered in his undertakings, and his name was a synonym of honesty. As a citizen he was ever alive to his duty, and as a husband and father was affectionate and indulgent.

On January 22, 1893, Mr. Hammond passed to the world beyond, mourned not only by his sorrowing wife and family, but by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance and friendship in life.

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**H**ON. EDWARD C. ERICSON, a leading and prominent attorney-at-law of the city of Elk Point, is a native of the Scandinavian peninsula and was born in 1856 in Sweden. He is a son of Eric and Johannah (Norden) Ericson, also natives of Sweden. Mr. Ericson died in the old country in 1859, and his wife and two sons emigrated to America in 1865 and settled in New York city. Eric, the younger son, is now a resident of Union county, and a representative farmer of Big Springs township.

Edward, the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools of New York and Brooklyn and then entered the New York Free academy, and later on the College of the City of New York. He left college in 1874 and came to Union county, Dak. Ter., and for a while taught school and farmed till 1879, when he took up the reading of law in the office of Alexander Hughes, at Elk Point. He was admitted to the bar in 1881, and in company with Mr. Hughes, under the firm name of Hughes & Ericson, practiced for two years, when, in 1883, Mr. Hughes moved to Bismarck, N. Dak., having been appointed attorney-

general. Since then our subject has been alone in active practice of his profession.

Mr. Ericson is a Republican in politics, and has served in various political offices. He was a member of the legislature during the sessions of 1886-7 and 1889-90, and in 1892 was a delegate to the Republican national convention. He was also elected mayor of the city of Elk Point, in which capacity he served for one term, and has been on the board of regents when the present states of South Dakota and North Dakota were one territory. He has taken an active interest in all the public affairs of the locality, and has labored industriously for the improvement and upbuilding of the community's resources. He has a pleasant home on the main street of Elk Point, ably conducted by his estimable wife. Mr. Ericson was united in marriage in 1881 to Miss Sylvia A. Hayes, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Benjamin and Phæbe Hayes, and they are the parents of three children, viz.: Harry F., Nellie H. and Florence S. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. society, and the family are members of the Congregational church, of which he is trustee.

**H**ON. WALTER H. WILKINSON, of Lennox, Lincoln county, is a native of Wisconsin and was born near Oshkosh in 1851. His father, Jebus Wilkinson, was a native of Somersetshire, England, where he was reared to maturity and married, bringing his wife to the new world about 1848, and becoming a pioneer in the state where our subject was born. He was subsequently married after the death of his first wife, by whom he was

the parent of three children, and from the latter union there was one daughter, Ada, now the wife of Galen B. Young, of Lincoln county.

Walter was the second child, and but four years old when he was deprived of a mother's care. In 1854 his father removed to Dubuque county, Iowa, and located at Dyersville, and there our subject grew to manhood and received a practical education in the common schools. In 1872, when he had attained his majority, he came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and homesteaded a quarter section of land which he improved and farmed on for ten years. He is now the owner of over two sections, all of which has been accumulated by his own industry since coming to the county. He has been actively engaged in the grain business since 1883 and has handled his share of that commodity coming to the town of Lennox. In 1882 he established a hardware store but sold out in February, 1890, and started a lumber yard, which is now known as and conducted by the F. M. Slagle Lumber company. He was engaged in the lumber trade for about a year when he sold out and has since then devoted his time to the buying and selling of real estate and the loan business, in the latter, however, he handles only his own capital. Mr. Wilkinson politically has at all times affiliated with the Democratic party, and under President Cleveland's first administration served as postmaster of Lennox. In 1896 he was nominated for state senator on the Democratic ticket, secured the endorsement of the People's party, and was elected by a good majority. He is a member of the Democratic state central committee and in all political matters takes an active part.

Socially he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and Lennox lodge No. 35, A. F. & A. M.

In July, 1877, Mr. Wilkinson was married, Miss Lena Schultz, a daughter of John Schultz, being the bride, and this union has been blessed by the advent of two children—Harry B. and Ella M.

**C**LARK NORTHUP, a fine specimen of the early settler who has in his composition the stuff that characterizes the true pioneer, was born in Erie county, N. Y., near Hamburg, August 15, 1827. His boyhood was spent in his native county until he was ten years old, when his parents moved to Pokagon township, Cass Co., Mich., where his father William Northup, and mother Eunice (Clark) Northup, entered a farm of government land upon which they resided until their deaths. Such education as our subject received was obtained in the common schools of that day, which was supplemented with a couple of terms in the select school. He remained home till twenty-three years of age, when he went overland to California in company with four others, starting February 27, 1850, with ox-team and five yoke of cattle. The trip was long and wearisome and taxed their courage and strength to the utmost. They arrived in Sacramento City August 26 following, having been six months on the way. In California he engaged in mining and packing goods into the mountains on mules for a period of eight years, and on one of their trips through the Humboldt desert their cattle gave out on account of poor forage and alkali water. They were compelled to

stop several days to recruit their stock, and one old ox, being unable to go farther, they left behind; but before leaving, Mr. Northup paid \$1 for a bunch of hay which he placed by him when they bade the faithful animal good bye. In 1858, he took a ship at San Francisco for return via the Isthmus of Panama, which he crossed and reshipped to New York; he was twenty-two days and a half on the return trip. After he came back he settled in Michigan and took up farming until his departure for Dakota. In 1861, he went to Pike's Peak, Colo., on a gold-hunting expedition, where he stayed one year, at the expiration of which time he came home; but he subsequently returned there, it becoming necessary that he do so in order to settle up a partnership arrangement. In his mining experiments he has been fairly successful.

In 1860 Mr. Northup was married to Miss Mary Cook, and he came to Dakota in company with his wife and three children, settling first on land a mile from his present location, buying fifteen acres first and subsequently entering eighty acres on which property he now lives. He resided on the first place where he located in Union county for twelve years. The record of the children is as follows: Minnie, now Mrs. H. J. Muhs, resides in Akron, Iowa; Clara, now Mrs. Cannon, resides in Elk Point; and Major resides at home with his parents. He has served one term as county commissioner and one term as justice of the peace, and always voted the Democratic ticket until a few years ago when he joined the Populist movement.

Mr. Northup has rather a varied experience in life, and one which does not fall to the average man. He is a man hardy and





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and courageous, and no danger ever appalled or labor tired him. He is true to his convictions, and his career has been that of an honorable, upright man. He is well preserved for his age, considering the years of privation and hardship which has been his lot, and he is widely and favorably known and respected by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. Frugal and industrious, he has gotten together a competency to tide him and his wife to the shore from which all must embark to the life beyond. He has been a good husband and indulgent father. Mrs. Northup is a lady of more than average intellectual ability. She is a model housewife, wrapped up in the affairs of her household, and the kindest of mothers.

John Northup, a brother of the subject of this sketch, and the only other living representative of this branch of the family, emigrated to California in 1852, and has since resided there. His home is in Amador county. During late years he has devoted his time to fruit culture and probably has one of the finest orange groves in that section of the country; he also raises various other kinds of small fruits. He has made a success of the business and has gathered quite a competency for his declining years.

**N**C. NASH. It will be unnecessary to inform any citizen of Canton, or any newspaper reader of Lincoln county, and the surrounding country, that this gentleman is the editor and proprietor of the Sioux Valley News, one of the pioneer publications of the state. He is a native of Orleans county, N. Y., born February 15, 1843, and a son of Francis and Catherine V. (Curtis) Nash, the

former also a native of the Empire state, born in Genesee county, of English and Holland-Dutch descent, and by occupation a farmer. Mrs. Nash, the mother of our subject, first saw the light in Berkshire, Mass., and was of Holland-Dutch ancestry on her father's side, her mother being a direct descendant of early New England families.

Of nine children born to the above couple, the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch was the eldest son and second child, his sister, the only daughter, being the first-born. He passed his early childhood in the place of his nativity, and at the age of seven years he accompanied his parents to Rock county, Wis., where he was educated and grew up a sturdy youth. He was still a member of the parental household when the Civil war began, and was one of the first to offer his services to the cause, enlisting when but seventeen years of age as a private in company A, Thirteenth Wisconsin regiment, infantry. He served his country faithfully a period of four years and three months, and participated with his regiment in all their service during that time, receiving an honorable discharge December 28, 1865.

As soon as he was mustered out of the army, Mr. Nash returned to Janesville, Wis., near where he engaged in general farming until 1871, at which time he made his appearance in the territory of Dakota. His first location was in Lincoln county, in Canton township, of which he entered a homestead of 160 acres, and this property he improved and made his home on until the fall of 1876, when he removed to the city of Canton. In January following, he began his career in "the art preservative of

all arts," purchasing a half interest in the Sioux Valley News, and in April he became the sole proprietor of the newspaper which he now edits and publishes. The journal is neatly printed, discrimination is displayed in the news columns, and those devoted to general reading, while the editorial work is seen at a glance to be under the control of a man who keeps himself well informed regarding matters of public moment, and speaks readily and to the point regarding them. The sheet has a circulation of 1,100 copies, and is a welcome guest in many households of the county, containing much valuable information for its readers.

Our subject was married June 26, 1865, while home on a furlough, to Miss Jennie E. Williston, a native of Janesville, Wis., and this union has proved a mutually felicitous and happy one. Of the five children born to this couple, we note the following: Nina M. is a teacher in the Elk Point public schools; George W. is a professor in Yankton college; Clara W. is a graduate of the same institution; Marion, deceased; and Francis F. is a student at Yankton college. Mr. and Mrs. Nash belong to the Congregational church, in which Mr. Nash has been one of the trustees for sixteen years.

As a valuable acquisition to the citizenship of Canton, our subject has done good service in various official capacities. He served as postmaster from April, 1890, to June, 1894, and has been a member of the board of education for the past three years, of which body he is now president. He is prominent among the G. A. R. men, having served them as commander of the department of South Dakota from June, 1893,

to June, 1894, and is past grand master of the I. O. O. F., also holding membership in the Masonic fraternity, as well as the Modern Woodmen of America. As a newspaper man he belongs to the South Dakota Press association, two years of his membership therein being as president, and politically he advocates the platform and the principles of the Republican party, using his elective franchise regularly in supporting its candidates.

It is with pleasure that we present the portrait of Mr. Nash as that of a representative citizen of Lincoln county.

**G**US GILBERT, the enterprising proprietor of the clothing store at Parker, Turner county, is a native of Norway and was born fifty years ago. When he was seventeen years of age he emigrated to America and went direct to Lansing, Iowa, where he engaged as clerk in a general store. Five years later he removed to Sioux Rapids, Iowa, and started a store for himself. He conducted a general merchandise store there until spring of 1875, when he located at Swan Lake, Turner Co., Dak. Ter., and established a general store at that point. In 1879 he moved his stock of goods to Parker, and about 1891 closed out the business and became manager of the South Dakota Echo, a local newspaper. He remained at newspaper work for a year and then engaged in the clothing business, which he has continued ever since. In connection with his clothing business he also conducts a fine farm of 300 acres in Turner county. Mr. Gilbert has held various public offices in the county. In 1888 he was elected county treasurer, has been a mem-



ber of the school board and was also a city councilman when the town of Parker was incorporated.

Mr. Gilbert was married March 25, 1868, to Miss Carrie Eggen, a native of Norway and a daughter of Jens Eggen. This union has been blessed with one son, Julius C. V., who assists in his father's store. Mr. Gilbert is a free-silver Republican politically, and socially is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Master Mason degree, Royal Arch, Knights Templar and Shriner and I. O. O. F., in all of which he is actively interested.

**S**ILAS N. PALMER, commissioner of Clay county, who has for many years off and on been identified with the mercantile and farming interests of the county, but is now living a somewhat retired life in Vermillion, was born in Canton, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., July 13, 1836. His parents died in that county when he was young, and at the age of twelve years he went to reside with an elder brother in Essex county, of the same state, with whom he lived until the fall of 1857. At that time Mr. Palmer in company with the late Horace J. Austin and another young man, came west to Dubuque county, Iowa. He was living in that city when the Rebellion broke out, and was one of the first to offer his services in the defense of the National honor, enlisting in June, 1861, in company G, First Iowa cavalry. He served until September 9, 1864, when he was discharged and returned to Dubuque. He engaged in mining for a short time, but soon after went back east to Essex county, N. Y., where he re-enlisted February 23, 1865, in company B, Eighth

regiment, Hancock Veteran corps, and served until August of the following year.

Mr. Palmer's war record was one of activity and excitement, and the incident here related occurred during the early part of the war in the west. He with fifteen other soldiers formed an advance guard of an expedition in northern Missouri and while on the march were suddenly confronted by the enemy. Every other member of the company was either killed outright or wounded later on, and Mr. Palmer himself was taken prisoner by Quantrell's band. First he was robbed of all he possessed by the rebel who had him in charge, but as a fight was in progress and the rebel was paying more attention to that than his prisoner, Mr. Palmer picked up his carbine and cracked him over the head, and at once made a dash for the open field in front of the Union soldiers. They supposed him to be a rebel and opened fire, but on Mr. Palmer throwing up his hands they ceased firing and he was enabled to escape. After the engagement he returned to the field where the Confederate soldier in whose custody he had lately been lay, and Mr. Palmer recovered his money, watch, etc., which had been taken from him. The Confederate was still alive and later on was taken to Sedalia, Mo., and confined in a hospital, where our subject used to visit him and take him many things for his comfort. He ultimately recovered and was in due time exchanged.

Mr. Palmer was honorably discharged in New York and immediately returned to Essex county, where he was employed as a clerk in the store of his brother until 1869. In the meantime he was married to Miss Harriet N. Eggleston, a native of Essex

county, the ceremony being performed October 30, 1867, and in March, 1869, with his wife he came to Vermillion, Dak. Ter. He formed a partnership with his old friend, Mr. Austin, in the mercantile business, which continued until 1874, when they sold out. In the meantime Mr. Palmer was appointed postmaster of Vermillion, and also elected judge of probate, and in this latter office and that of county treasurer he served two years. He was postmaster three years. In March, 1875, he went again to the Empire state, being absent there for about a year, and then returned to Vermillion and engaged in farming for a short time. His crops, however, were destroyed by grasshoppers, and he gave up agriculture to become a clerk in a store in Vermillion, serving in that position a period of six or seven years, after which he spent another twelve months with a government surveying party. The last few years, however, he has been living a more retired life, and enjoying the fruit of his early labors. Mr. Palmer was a member of the township board of supervisors several years, also the city council and has served as mayor of Vermillion. In the fall of 1894 he was elected to the office of county commissioner, and, as noted above, this capacity he is now serving in.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have been blessed in their married life with three children, but only one survives—Leon G., who is a druggist. The deceased children died in infancy. Both Mr. Palmer and his good wife are members of the Congregational church, and he belongs to Miner post No. 8, G. A. R., and also holds membership in Incense lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., Vermillion chapter No. 21, and the Demolay commandery No. 3, of Yankton.

Mrs. Palmer was born in Potsdam, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., December 11, 1841. When about six years of age, she accompanied her parents to Essex, N. Y., and there was reared to womanhood and educated, she and the youth who subsequently became her husband, attending the same school together. Her father, Abram Eggleston, was born in Essex county, N. Y., of English descent, and by occupation was a farmer. He married Sally Hoskins, a native of Vermont, in which state she was also reared. The family are noted for longevity, Mrs. Palmer's maternal grandfather having attained the advanced age of ninety-four years, her father ninety-one and mother eighty-four years.

**N**ANNO SMITH, who carries on the most extensive general merchandise business conducted in the town of Lennox, is a native of Hanover, Germany, and was born in 1850. He remained in the "fatherland" until 1872, when he sought in free America the chance of achieving a competence denied in the land of his birth, so down-trodden is it by military despotism. His first stopping place in this country was in Freeport, Ills., where he stayed a short time and then went further west and located in Grundy county, Iowa. In 1881 he arrived in Lennox, Lincoln Co., Dak. Ter., and at once engaged in merchandising, and by tact and perseverance at his chosen vocation, has built up the most extensive business carried on in Lennox. He also owns a valuable section of choice land adjoining that town. In political faith Mr. Smith strongly adheres to the doctrines of the Republican

party, the candidates of which he supports with his vote.

In 1873 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Anna Freerichs, and to them have been born eight children, six of whom are living, viz.; Joseph, in business with his father; Kate, Benjamin, Otto, Simon and Ella.

The subject of this biography is a son of Benjamin and Katrina (Weirenga) Smith, both natives of Hanover, Germany, where they grew to mature years and were married. They raised a family of five children, our subject being the eldest, then, in the order of their birth, as follows: William B., Talka, Benjamin and Tina. William B. was the first of the family to emigrate to America, crossing the broad Atlantic in 1869, when he was but fifteen years of age, Nanno following in 1872. In 1878 the father, mother, and balance of the family, took passage for the new world, coming to Grundy county, Iowa, where the two sons had preceded them. The father died three years after coming to America; by trade he was a cabinet-maker, but owing to his ill health was unable to follow his vocation in this country. The mother survived until the spring of 1894, when she also passed to her reward beyond the grave.

**B** H. HURD, Parker's able and efficient postmaster, who is also engaged in the practice of law at that point, is a native of Coesse, Whitley Co., Ind., and was born August 26, 1865. He is the third child of D. H. and Julia (Van Meter) Hurd, the former a native of New York, whose fore-parents came from England, and the latter born in

Indiana of German descent, and who died there when our subject was but two years of age. D. H. Hurd now lives in Benton county, Iowa, where he is engaged in agricultural pursuits.

The subject of this sketch was reared in Indiana, and his early education was received in the common schools of his native town. When he was seventeen years of age he came with his father to Benton county, Iowa, where he assisted in breaking up and improving the farm on which they located. He attended Tilford college at Vinton, Iowa, from which he graduated in 1885, and then spent two years in study at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, going from there to the college at Ann Arbor, Mich., and graduating from the law department of that institution in the class of 1890. After his graduation he went to Mitchell, S. Dak., to teach school during the winter, and then came to Parker, hung out his "shingle" and began the practice of the law which vocation he has followed ever since. He was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland in 1893, and has been city justice of the peace for three years. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and A. O. U. W. orders in which he takes an active interest.

Mr. Hurd's marriage occurred March 6, 1892, when he led to the altar Miss Alice Penny, a native of New York, and daughter of W. J. and Fannie Penny. This union has been blessed with two sons, Leland S. and Cato B. Mr. Hurd is a Democrat in politics, and has been one all his life. He and his wife are connected with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Hurd is a member of the official board, superintendent of the Sunday school and president of the Epworth league.

**W**ILLIAM W. MAIN, county commissioner and farmer, is one of the most highly respected and representative citizens of Union county. He is a resident of Elk Point township, is widely known as a man of intelligence and influence, and may truly be said to be one of the leading men of the county. Mr. Main has been a resident of Union county since 1885, at which time he settled upon the place where he now lives. He was born in Wilmington, Will Co., Ill., March 30, 1855. His parents were Chester and Tamor (Coon) Main, both of whom were natives of New York. The father was of Scotch descent, his father having emigrated from Scotland and was probably the founder of the family in this country which bears his name. The Coon family were from Vermont.

The subject of this sketch received his education principally in the district schools, supplementing this by a course of study at Evanston. In 1876 he was married to Eva D. Franklin, and for some time carried on farming in Illinois. He then went to Topeka, Kans., where he leased land and remained four years, returning at the expiration of that time to the old homestead in Illinois, which he conducted and managed for two years. In 1886 he came to Dakota territory and purchased two hundred and ninety acres of partially improved land; this has since been his home and the improvements and general condition of his place reflect much credit upon his good judgment and taste. He has the place well stocked, having some splendid specimens of Poland China hogs, short horn and Durham cattle, etc.

In this connection a few words in regard

to Mr. Main's father will be of interest. Chester Main, as stated above, was a native of New York. In 1843 with his family, he left the Empire State and settled in the woods of Michigan, near where the thriving city of Saginaw has since been built. He was a pioneer there and one of the earliest settlers, and endured all the hardships and privations which are characteristic of pioneer life. At that time that portion of Michigan was almost wholly undeveloped, and wolves and other wild animals were plenty. In 1848 the family pushed on westward and located near Wilmington, Will Co., Ill. Here they were again pioneers; they took up government land upon which they located and made their home until 1890. They still own the old homestead, but Chester Main has retired from active business cares and now resides in Wilmington City. He is one of the most highly respected citizens of the locality in which he lives, and is a man of sterling integrity. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Wm. W. Main, since his home has been in Union county, has taken an active and prominent part in all matters of a public nature. He was elected county commissioner in 1889, and has been re-elected for three successive terms; his popularity is attested by the fact that his party (Republican) was largely in minority, and at one time he was the only Republican official holding office in Union county. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and in many other ways takes an active interest in those things in which his fellow citizens are interested. He possesses business acumen in a large degree, and is a practical man of affairs, moving with that force and energy

that universally characterizes the successful man. In the conduct of his personal affairs he has always displayed sound and mature judgment, his plans being the result of deliberate thought and seldom miscarry. He is well informed upon current topics, and he takes an active interest in all public questions and public affairs. In the improvement of his home is to be seen the well developed taste and judgment which marks his general business efforts. Arrangement and method exist in everything, and his home is a beautiful one, efficiently presided over by his wife, who is a lady of culture and refinement. In the conduct of public business and county affairs Mr. Main has an enviable reputation for his intelligent handling of public business, and he holds the confidence and esteem of all.

Mr. and Mrs. Main have been blest with two children, viz.: Cora and Chester. The former was born in Kasnas, the latter in Illinois.

**A**HAUNCEY B. ISHAM. Next to the home in its effect upon the future of the rising generation stands the school, and in many cases where poverty or ignorance is the heritage of a family it is even a more important factor than the home in determining the weal or woe of the youth. The selection of teachers is therefore a subject of vast importance, and no one is better deserving of representation in a biographical record than he who has shown his fitness for the work of an instructor. It is therefore with pleasure that we incorporate the principal facts in the life of Mr. Chauncey B. Isham, superintendent

of schools for Lincoln county, in this volume.

The natal day of our subject was December 21, 1841, and his birthplace Janesville, Rock Co., Wis. His father, Elijah Isham, was a farmer by occupation, and soon after the birth of Chauncey he removed with his family and settled in Dane county, of the same state. There our subject grew to manhood and passed uneventfully the earlier years of his life. He was educated in the public schools during his boyhood, and after mastering the elementary branches became a student at Milton college, in his native county in the Badger state, taking a teacher's course, from which department he graduated in 1866. He began his career as a teacher in Kilbourn City, Wis., becoming principal of the schools there. He next was located in Oconomowoc, Wis., for a couple of years, then in Council Grove, Kans., where he served as principal of the schools for three years. The next two years he spent in the capacity of county superintendent of schools of Morris county, Kans., having been elected to that office, and from that time until August, 1882, was located at various times in the following places, viz.: Burlington, Kans.; Rolla, Pacific, De Sota, and Ironton, Mo. In August, 1882, he came to Canton, and has been actively interested in educational matters ever since in that city. He first served as principal of the Canton public schools for two years, and in 1886 was elected county superintendent; in the latter capacity he spent four years, the limit of time permitted by law, and then became principal of the schools located in Hudson, S. Dak. After a year there he again returned to Canton and resumed his labors as teach-

er, operating in connection a flour and feed store, until the fall of 1893, when he was re-elected to the office of county superintendent. The schools of the county under his skillful and experienced hands have risen to the front rank. A carefully prepared curriculum is followed, and the diplomas granted to students completing the common-school course are evidence of excellent scholarship and meritorious conduct. He is certainly one of the prominent men of the county, and one who will long be held in respectful remembrance by those who have been under his care and training and by all friends of education.

Mr. Isham chose for his companion on life's journey the estimable and cultured lady who now presides over his household. She bore the maiden name of Miss A. Miranda Fenner, and is a native of Allegany county, N. Y., where the marriage ceremony uniting her life and that of Mr. Isham was performed. They have one son, Alfred F.

**Z**EB STOUT, the popular ex-sheriff of Turner county, was born in Kildare, Ireland, August 1, 1853. He is a son of James P. and Mary (Creig) Stout, both natives of the Emerald Isle. The former was a blacksmith by trade and emigrated to America when our subject was but six years of age, locating on a farm in Grant county, Wis., where he died in 1862. His aged wife still resides in Hurley, ninety-three years old. They were the parents of eleven children, our subject being the ninth child in order of their birth.

Zeb was reared in Wisconsin where he grew to maturity, and was employed as

foreman in the lead mines located in Grant county. There also he was married in March, 1871, to Miss Alice Narse, a native of Wisconsin, and a daughter of Monroe and Nora (Alderman) Narse. Immediately after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Stout came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and located in Childs township, where he homesteaded 160 acres. They lived on this property, proved up and then sold out, buying a farm in Swan Lake township, where they made their home from 1877 till 1892, when he was elected sheriff of Turner county and removed to the village of Parker. In 1894 he was re-elected to the same position, serving in all four years. He has also been chairman of the school board of Hurley township for six years, and is a member of Parker lodge No. 98, I. O. O. F., and the Masonic fraternity lodge of the same place. In politics Mr. Stout is a Republican of the staunchest variety and strongly supports that party's principles.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout have two children, Millie and Jesse.

**H**ORACE E. DIMICK, an old settler and formerly one of the prominent farmers of Fairview township, Clay county, who is now living in Vermillion, is a native of Chautauqua county, N. Y., born June 27, 1836. His parents, Carlos and Calista Ann (Butler) Dimick, removed when he was two years of age to Lake county, Ill., and there his mother died. His father survived until August 31, 1896, when he also passed to the world beyond, his death occurring in the state of Washington.

Our subject lived in Lake county, Ill., until he has fourteen years of age, then spent





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six years more in Chautauqua county, N. Y., a short time in Blackhawk county, Iowa, and finally settled in Muscatine county, of the same state. He was still residing in the latter place when the great Civil war broke out, and August 6, 1862, the proffer of his services was accepted and he was enrolled as a private in company D, Thirty-fifth Iowa regiment, infantry. He served during the balance of the war, and was a participant with his regiment in the battles of Jackson, Miss., and Spanish Fort, and also took part in the siege of Vicksburg as well as the Red river campaign under Gen. Banks. He was wounded but once during his term of enlistment, being shot in the neck at the engagement of Old River lake, Ark., and was mustered out of service at Muscatine, Iowa, August 10, 1865.

After the close of hostilities Mr. Dimick worked at farming until the winter of 1865, at which time he bought a farm in Rock Island county, Ill., which he operated until the spring of 1867, coming at that time to Clay county, Dak. Ter. He took up a claim of 160 acres in Fairview township, and this he made his home until 1890, at which time he settled in Vermillion. He still owns the old homestead in Fairview township besides city property, and farming has always been his occupation up to the time he removed to Vermillion.

Mr. Dimick was married in Muscatine county, Iowa, November 15, 1859, to Miss Erilla E. Brandon, a native of Pennsylvania, born July 6, 1838, and this union has been blessed by the birth of five children, viz.: Lewis E., James E., William H., and Sylvia Rose. Fred died in infancy. Mr. Dimick has always been closely identified with local affairs, and he commemorates his

service as a soldier by holding membership in the Miner post No. 8, G. A. R.

Mr. Dimick's father, Carlos Dimick, was born in Vermont, of Scotch-Irish descent, and followed the trade of cabinet making. He married Calista Ann Butler, also a native of the Green Mountain state, and to them were born nine children, four only of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. Our subject is the eldest of the family.

The father of Mrs. Dimick, J. C. Brandon, was born in Ohio, of Scotch-Irish descent, and by occupation a farmer. On arriving at mature years he married Catharine McBride, a native of Pennsylvania, of German and Irish ancestry, and to this congenial union seven children were born, Mrs. Dimick being the eldest.

**R**OBERT DUNCAN. This name will be at once recognized by many of our readers as that of a prominent and influential old settler of Union county, in Prairie Prairie township, of which he is conducting farming operations. He has been since 1873 connected with the agricultural labors of the county, and is well-known and highly regarded for his progressive ideas in all matters pertaining to the cultivation of the soil.

The parents of our subject were Samuel and Janet (Flockhart) Duncan, both natives of Scotland, where the latter died at the age of forty-eight years. Mr. Duncan was a blacksmith by trade and a fine workman. He emigrated to Canada in 1846 and on the voyage was shipwrecked off the coast of St. Johns, narrowly escaping death. He crossed the dark river after having attained the ripe old age of eighty-nine years. They were the

parents of eleven children, of whom a complete record will be found in the sketch of Archibald Duncan, Sr., in another part of this volume.

Robert was the seventh child in order of the birth of the children and first saw the light of day in Sterlingshire, Scotland, August 9, 1837. He was reared until eighteen years of age amid the usual surroundings of farm life in the land of heather, and under circumstances that developed in him habits of industry and practical observation of that which was going on about him. He attended the common schools, acquiring a good knowledge of the branches usually taught, and prepared his mind for the battle of life in future years. In 1856 he emigrated from his mother country to Canada and located at East Oxford for two years, at the expiration of that time buying a piece of land at the head of the Georgian bay. He cleared this land and lived on it until 1861, when he sold out and went to Omaha, Neb. He came back to Canada shortly after, however, for his family, and then went to southern Illinois, settling on a farm in Effingham county. He lived there all during the Civil war, surrounded by "copperheads" and rebel sympathizers, but he remained true to the northern cause, and on one occasion carried word to Union headquarters of a contemplated raid on the railroad property which through this timely information was prevented. He continued to make his home on the farm there until 1873 when he removed his family to Dakota territory, settling on the property where he now lives. The settlers lived in "dug outs" then and when he arrived the grasshoppers were in their glory, devouring everything that came in their way. The farm on which he located was all prairie,

and there wasn't a neighbor near. He first lived in a "dug out" and later built the first house in Prairie township. He had to travel thirty miles for provisions in those pioneer times, which, on account of the poor roads, etc., occupied almost two days. He has lived here continuously and has taken a prominent part in the development of the county and the elevation of its civilization. All the present improvements on his farm he has put there himself; the land is well cultivated and tilled and compares favorably with any in the township. He originally owned the whole of section 17, but divided it in half and gave 160 acres to each of his two eldest sons. He carries on an extensive general farming business exclusively, and the methodical manner in which the farm is conducted, speaks well of its manager.

The subject of our sketch was married in Scotland in 1855, shortly prior to his emigration to Canada, the bride being Miss Mary Meikle. Mrs. Duncan was born October 10, 1837, and followed her husband to the home he had located in the new world in 1857. To this congenial union have come the following children, viz.: Janet, the wife of Willis Thompson; William, married Miss Louise Blake; Archibald, married Miss Nellie Oaks; Mary, now Mrs. William Staley; Marian, the wife of Stephen Godfrey; Margaret, deceased; Eva; Ella; John; David; Robert; and an infant, deceased. Mr. Duncan has always taken an active interest in educational matters, and has given all his children the advantages of good, sound schooling, sending them to various colleges after completing their common school courses. He was instrumental in organizing his school district; in fact he built the first school house and hired the first teacher, and has

ever since been a member of the board of directors. The family are all members of the Baptist church at Beresford, in which Mr. Duncan has served as deacon for a number of years.

Besides the interest in the advancement of the cause of education which our subject takes, he also takes an active part in local political matters. He is a Populist in belief and was the first man in his section of the county to renounce the Republican party for the Populist, and he has always attended the various conventions of the party. Although he has often been importuned to do so, he has never accepted the nomination for any public office, preferring to allow others of his fellow citizens to become candidates and then use his influence in their favor. Take him all in all, he is a man of prominence in agricultural, political and religious circles, and has made himself useful to the community in divers ways.

On another page of this volume the reader will notice a portrait of our subject and his estimable wife.

**D**E WITT CLINTON MILLER, who is widely and extensively known as a breeder of thoroughbred swine, the proprietor of the "Woodburn herd" of Poland-Chinas and the originator of the celebrated Medium family of that breed of hogs, has his headquarters at Vermillion. He was born in Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, July 2, 1854, and is a son of the late Isaac H. Miller, who died in Vermillion, February 9, 1896, and Elizabeth (Shilling) Miller. The latter passed away in Freeport, Ill., December 6, 1863.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller—Milton E. and De Witt C.—the youngest being the subject of this brief biography.

De Witt was about two years of age when his parents removed from the Buckeye state to Freeport, Ill., and in the latter place he grew to manhood, attending during his boyhood the schools of the city. When he had reached more mature years he became a student at the Union university, of Albany, N. Y., and graduated from the law department of that institution May 24, 1880, with high honors, and was admitted to the bar of New York state. Upon the completion of his studies he returned to Freeport, Ill., where he was also admitted to the bar of that state. But the next year he came west to Vermillion, Dak. Ter., and here he has since made his home. He was originally engaged in the cattle business, in fact continued in same until March, 1893; but in 1890 he began breeding fine hogs and since 1893 has devoted his time and attention wholly to that branch of business. Mr. Miller's hogs are really fine, and the following clipping appearing under the heading "Woodburn Wake-ups" in the American Swineherd, of Chicago, will explain itself:

"We are informed by D. C. Miller, Vermillion, S. Dak., proprietor of Woodburn herd of Poland-Chinas and the originator of the great Medium family, that the Mediums still rule the roost! That the latest sensation occurring with this prominent family was the purchase of Bertha Medium 78668 at the sale of O. D. Hart's, Kingsley, Iowa, on August 28th, for \$1,550.00 by D. C. Miller. The sow was not catalogued for sale and Mr. Hart put a reserve bid on her of \$800.00. This sow was three years old,

being farrowed August 18, 1893, at "Woodburn," sire the renowned breeder, Happy Medium (nineteen of his pigs having sold for \$9,500—averaging \$500), dam was John H. Bebout's great sow, Best of 1890.

"Bertha Medium was sold to O. D. Hart in April, 1894, for \$50 by D. C. Miller. While at Oakwood, she proved herself a great brood sow, always having large litters, having raised ten this summer. She is a first-class sow in all respects, being right up on her feet, fine coat, perfect head and ear, a long and deep body and active as a kitten. Mr. Miller says she is a good purchase as an investment, to cut ten coupons off in a single year; a government bond won't touch her.

"Miller breaks the record twice—first in paying the highest price for a sow at public auction or any other sale; second by buying more of his own breeding than any other breeder and paying a big advance over the price for which he sold the animal to the party. This sale shows that Mr. Miller is willing to take his own medicine in the Mediums. Some of the boys say, 'If you want a sure thing, buy a good pig of Miller at about \$50 and sell it back inside of two years at ten times the cost and upwards.'"

The marriage of Mr. Miller and Miss Lillian A. Burrell was celebrated in Freeport, Ill., January 15, 1885. Mrs. Miller is a native of that city, born April 9, 1857, and by her marriage to our subject has become the mother of two daughters—Margaret and Helen. Mr. Miller, like all good citizens should, takes an interest in local matters, but he has never been an aspirant for political preferment, choosing to devote his time to his personal affairs and the enjoyment of domestic happiness.

FRANCIS M. RUST, one of Union county's esteemed and highly respected citizens, is a native of Switzerland, and from the mountains of that picturesque land he imbibed the patriotism that makes the Swiss famous the world over for love of country. He was born in the city of Sullidorn, near the border of the French republic, October 4, 1844, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Eckard) Rust, both natives of Switzerland. Francis was but five years of age when his parents emigrated to America, in 1849. They landed at New York city, and came directly west to Chicago and settled in Du Page county, Ill., where they lived for two years. About 1851 they continued on westward and settled in Buchanan county, on the border of Blackhawk county, Iowa. This was on the frontier then, and they entered government land and made a permanent home there till their deaths, Mr. Rust dying in 1876, and Mrs. Rust in 1885, both at advanced ages. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom were born in Switzerland save the youngest; four are living, viz.: Mary Ann Pratt, who resides in Turner, Ill.; Frank, who lives in this county; Elizabeth Genier, of Buchanan county, Iowa; and Francis M. Of the deceased Johnny was a member of company B, Fourth Iowa cavalry, and was killed at the battle of Memphis, Tenn., in 1863, aged seventeen years. Frank was also a member of the same company and regiment, as was likewise Francis M., the subject of this memoir. The latter enlisted in 1862, and participated in the battle of Pea Ridge, Ark.; it was his first engagement, and lasted three days, during the third day of which he received a wound in the arm from a bayonet thrust at close quarters,

and, besides this, his horse was shot and he was ruptured by the animal falling on him. While in this precarious condition he was run over and had an ankle dislocated. From the battle field he was taken to the hospital tent, where he remained for three weeks, and was subsequently discharged and sent home. He returned to his home in Iowa, and after recovering from his wounds he took up farming in connection with a broom factory, which business he was engaged in for several years. He established a broom factory in Albany, Mo., near St. Joe, which he operated for several years, subsequently returning to the Hawkeye state and locating in Palo Alto county, where he engaged in farming. He afterward traded off his farm and went to Emmetsburg and engaged in the carriage-making and broom factory business; but later on all his property was totally destroyed by fire, leaving him with but \$20. He then returned to his old home in Waterloo, Iowa, and in 1880, with his family, removed to Union county, Dak. Ter., purchasing 160 acres for \$1,000. This property he improved, and three years later disposed of for \$4,000. Then he bought 110 acres adjoining his present place, paying \$2,200 for it, and two years later sold this property for \$4,000. His next move was to erect a double brick store in Elk Point, now occupied by Ed Ringsrud, which was the first brick building in that city, the citizens donating him the lot, for which they had paid \$700. The same summer he built a large dwelling for his own use in Elk Point, which for a time was his place of residence; then he sold his store and bought the property where he now lives, one mile from the town (160 acres), for which he paid \$4,000. He has rebuilt and remodeled the premises,

and it is now nicely improved and comfortable, and the land is in a high state of cultivation. In addition to farming, raising principally broomcorn, he conducts a broom factory for the consumption of his product. He plants from thirty to eighty acres of broomcorn every year.

Mr. Rust is an all-around good citizen, kind-hearted, sociably inclined and deservedly popular, and he is possessed of a keen business judgment, which has made him successful in all his undertakings. He affiliates with the Republicans in politics, and is a member of the G. A. R. post at Elk Point, in the welfare of which he is much interested. He is also a member in good standing in both the Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges, having attained the master degree in the former, and noble grand in the latter.

Mr. Rust was married in Iowa in 1864 to Miss Alice Fenstermaker, daughter of a minister located in that state, and they are the parents of the following children, viz.: George, Adda, L. T., Cora, Arthur, Martin, Ralph, Leonard; Sadie, deceased. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in religious matters take a prominent part.

During the past seven years Mr. Rust has been conducting experiments in the raising of fruit, and has met with success. He was one of the first in this section to make such experiments on an extensive scale, having put out 200 apple trees at one time, and about half of these are now bearing. Mr. Rust has demonstrated that cherries, apples and plums thrive well and can be grown successfully in this climate, and the orchard of these varieties of fruit established by our subject, after several years of

careful study as to its demands and needs, is one of the largest and finest in Union county. In small fruits, currants and gooseberries are all that can be grown with any degree of success, according to Mr. Rust's experience, which has been very wide and thorough.

**A**UGUSTANA COLLEGE, Canton, Prof. A. G. Tuve, president. In the year 1869, in the interest of higher education and for the special purpose of preparing young men for the ministry, the Norwegian branch of the Lutheran Augustana synod established at Marshall, Wis., an educational institution maintaining collegiate and theological courses of study, termed The Augustana college and Theological seminary.

Owing to the constant westward trend of emigration, and in hopes of extending its usefulness, it was decided to remove the school and locate it more centrally in the west. The offer of twenty acres of land and a school building by the town of Beloit, Iowa, was accepted, and the Augustana College and Theological seminary was removed and established in its new location in the spring of 1881. The school there enjoyed moderate success and prosperity, and it soon became evident that the accommodations at Beloit were not sufficient to receive all students that sought entrance at the college. At this juncture the enterprising city of Canton offered to donate grounds and a spacious building for the use of the college department if the synod would remove the same to that city and maintain a college course for a period of at least ten years. The offer was accepted, and in the fall of 1884,

Augustana college began its career in its present location under the principalship of Prof. M. D. Miller, while the Theological seminary continued as before with Prof. D. Lysnes at its head. In the fall of 1889 Prof. Miller resigned his position at the head of the faculty of the college, and the board of trustees elected Prof. C. S. Salverson as his successor.

In June, 1890, an important change took place in the management of these institutions; the Augustana synod (by whom these schools were maintained), the conference and the Anti-Missourian brotherhood were united in one body called the United Norwegian Lutheran church of America. The theological school at Beloit was removed to Minneapolis and consolidated with the Augsburg seminary in that city, and the grounds and buildings which it occupied in Beloit are now used for the beneficent purpose of an orphans' home. Shortly after the organization of the United Norwegian Lutheran church of America, Prof. Salverson resigned his position as president of Augustana college to resume his work in the ministry, and the present incumbent, Prof. Anthony G. Tuve, was then elected as his successor.

The college building is a three-story structure, ninety-six feet long and sixty feet front, and besides class rooms, chapel and music rooms, has accommodations for sixty students. The building is so arranged that all portions have an abundance of light, the rooms are neatly papered, and water is supplied from the Canton water-works.

Prof. Anthony G. Tuve, the able and efficient president of Augustana college, is a native of Winona county, Minn., and was born January 21, 1864. He was reared to

manhood on a farm near Decorah, Iowa, and after completing his education, for obtaining which he was afforded liberal advantages, he became a teacher in the public schools in Winneshiek county, Iowa. Such proficiency did he attain in his labors that in the fall of 1889 he was called to Augustana college as an instructor in mathematics and rhetoric, and a year later was elected president of the institution. As principal, he has labored earnestly to carry out plans which have been proven wise, and to introduce improved methods of instruction wherever the efficiency of the college could be thus advanced. All teachers who love their work, and are anxious to excel therein, find in him a firm friend and wise counselor, while to the pupils he acts the part of a father, rather than a ruler, being in sympathy with the aspirations and desires of all students, and anxious to increase their opportunities. Under his able management the college has increased in attendance and usefulness, and is to-day in a prosperous and flourishing condition.

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ERNST A. E. PETZEL, Ph. D., was born in Koenigsberg, Prussia, July 12, 1867. As a child he was very fond of books, and at the early age of seven read the works of Lessing, Goethe and Schiller. At the age of ten he came to America, and two years later, after being confirmed in the German Lutheran church, he went to the seminary at Addison, Ill., where he became interested in the science and art of teaching through Prof. Krauss, a graduate of Leipzig university, and determined to fit himself for this profession.

At about seventeen years of age he en-

tered the University of Watertown, Wis., where he pursued a classical course of study. After graduating with honors he went to Europe and entered the University of Berlin to pursue his favorite studies of philosophy, philology and literature. While here, through the merit of one of his written productions, "The Creation of the World According to Homer," he was appointed honorary member of the Philosophical society of Berlin, Germany. From Berlin he was appointed principal and to the professorship of philosophy and literature at Detroit Female college. His vacations were spent in attending a post-graduate course at Harvard university. In the summer of 1895 the University of Illinois conferred upon him the degree of Ph. D. His leisure time as student and teacher has been devoted to literary pursuits. He accepted a call to Augustana college in the fall of 1894, as professor of German and literature.

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CARL G. LAWRENCE was born at Madison, Wis., in 1871. His parents, both natives of Norway, were among the earliest settlers of Wisconsin. Mr. Lawrence received his early training in the public schools of Madison. After completing a four-years' high-school course, and devoting some time to teaching in the public schools, he entered the University of Wisconsin, from which institution he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Letters. Prof. Lawrence entered the university with the particular aim of fitting himself for the teacher's profession, and to that end has made an extensive study of pedagogy, psychology and such other branches as he intended to teach. His course in Latin extended through a period of eight years.



He has also taken a separate course in Norse literature.

He accepted a call to the professorship of Latin and history at Augustana college in the fall of 1894.

**H** K. DIPPING, the amiable and popular proprietor of the Hotel Wentworth at Parker, was born in Prussia, Germany, December 19, 1858. When he had reached the age of seven years his parents left the fatherland for America. The father died on the voyage across the Atlantic and the sorrowing mother and family were left to continue their journey alone. They landed at New York and went direct to Allamakee county, Iowa, and there the mother too succumbed and passed to her reward beyond the dark river. At that time our subject was but ten years of age and he remained with his brother-in-law until thirteen years old; in the meantime his sister died and young Dipping went to Minneapolis to work in a flouring mill. His first occupation was as a sweeper, then he was given the care of the purifiers and later was promoted to the position of grinder. Finishing the milling trade he came to Sanborn county, Dak. Ter., in 1887 and bought a grist mill which he carried on for two years, then sold out and went to Washington territory. From the northwest he came to Parker, Dak. Ter., and engaged in the hotel business, first renting his present location which he bought in 1896. He conducts a first-class hostelry in every respect and in connection with same runs a lively for the accommodation of his guests.

Mr. Dipping was married September 11,

1887, to Miss Lena Ziegelmier, a native of Winneshiek county, Iowa. Politically he supports the principles interpreted by the Republican party and strongly adheres to them. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity at Parker, of which he was at one time reasurer, and to the M. W. A. order of the same place.

**D** R. PENNEL, a leading agriculturist and apiarist of Union county, and one of the oldest settlers in this part, residing in section 12, Civil Bend township, was the eldest of a family of six children. He is a native of Bedford county, Pa., and was born January 1, 1837, a son of Jacob and Rosella (Jay) Pennel, to whom were also born our subject's brother, Thomas, and four sisters, viz.: Margaret Pennel, Elizabeth O'Neal, Juliana Drake and Nancy Jane Diehl. His parents were reared and died in their native county.

Mr. Pennel's father being a farmer it was but natural that he, his eldest son, should follow in his footsteps, and the home farm was where he grew to manhood. In 1860 he came west to Black Hawk county, Iowa, and settled there, it being in the spring of that year, where he continued to reside until 1870. Union county first extended its hospitality to Mr. Pennel during the latter year when he arrived at his present location. He bought a man's right to a homestead, which consisted of 120 acres of land and one of those, at the time, universal log cabins covered with dirt that every old settler remembers. Five acres of this property had been broken and fenced in with large cottonwood logs, some of which







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were forty feet in length. During his early residence here he operated a shingle mill, and manufactured many thousands of that useful article of cottonwood timber. Upon the advent of railroads, however, he discontinued operations in that line. He has lived here continuously, and now owns 160 acres, 100 of which are under cultivation. He is also an enthusiast on the subject of bee culture, and has in his apiary generally about twenty swarms of that busy and interesting little insect.

Mr. Pennel was united in marriage in 1859, shortly before he started west, to Miss Lucy A. Steckman, a daughter of one of the old families of his native county. They are the parents of ten children, one deceased — Douglas — who died when a young man, and nine living, as follows: Charles, married Miss Flora Summy, has three children and lives in Civil Bend township; Lillie, wife of Charles Reams, one child, lives in Spink; Mattie, wife of Robert Pond, five children, resides in Civil Bend township; Clara, wife of Harvey Noggle, one child, lives in Spink; Frank, married Miss Lottie Frank, two children, makes his home in Civil Bend township; Harry, resides at home; Victoria, wife of George Booth, one child, lives in the vicinity; and Minnie May and Rosetta at home.

Mr. Pennel is closely affiliated with the Farmers' Alliance, and, although politically he has been a Democrat, at present is independent. He is a man of good common sense, and makes use of it; has served one term as county commissioner (three years), and has for many years been connected in official capacities with the schools, in the faithful discharge of the duties of which he takes much interest.

**J**OHAN G. HOFFMANN, whose portrait will be noticed on another page, is a farmer of Delapre township, Lincoln county, and stands among the foremost men of his calling in this county. He is another one of the many sons of the German empire who, by thrift and industry since coming to this land of the free, have acquired a competence.

Mr. Hoffmann was born in the kingdom of Prussia, December 3, 1827, and was raised on a farm until he was fourteen years of age, receiving his education in the excellent schools of the fatherland. During his more mature years he learned the trade of milling, and this vocation he followed as long as he continued to make his residence in the land of his birth. In 1854 he decided to emigrate to America, as he had heard glowing tales of this country's resources, which were being rapidly developed by enterprising and industrious sons of almost every country in Europe. He accordingly embarked on a sailing vessel, which consumed six weeks in crossing the Atlantic, and, after landing at New York, came direct to Sheboygan county, Wis. He worked for a year at farm labor, and then for the next twenty years was employed at his trade of miller. In the year 1875 he made his appearance in Dakota territory, and took up a homestead of 160 acres in section No. 34 of Delapre township, Lincoln county, and a timber claim of the same number of acres in the section adjoining, No. 33. Since his arrival in Dakota he has been chiefly engaged in the occupation of farming, but he has also, a portion of the time, followed his trade of milling, though not making that vocation his constant work.

Mr. Hoffmann's farm is a fine piece of

property, and its condition of cultivation and general appearance shows undisputedly the thrift and enterprise of the owner. The buildings are all of solid construction, well arranged for the economic prosecution of agriculture. Among the adornments are numerous shade and fruit trees, all of which he has planted himself, that serve greatly to increase the value of the property and make its appearance home-like. Mr. Hoffmann is a man of more than ordinary intelligence, and brains and business tact, combined with steady industry, have brought him to the front. His fellow-citizens, recognizing his ability and superior qualifications for civic life, have called him to many positions of responsibility within their gift. Among the offices he has held are treasurer of Delapre township ten years, and treasurer of the local school board twenty years. He has also served as a member of the town board.

While a resident of Sheboygan county, Wis., Mr. Hoffmann won for his helpmate Miss Caroline Schwartz, who is a native of Germany, and their happy married life has been productive of a family of thirteen children, nine of whom are still living, viz.: Emma, Robert, Albert, August, Alma, Ida, Charles, Anna, and William. Of the deceased members of the family, Selma died when eighteen years old, Clara when she was seven, and the other two children in infancy.

**W**ILLIAM G. BOWER. Among the business enterprises that contribute to the welfare of the city of Vermillion, the brick works of which Mr. Bower is proprietor are certainly

deserving of mention. This manufacturing establishment turns out a large number of brick per annum and furnishes employment to a number of workman as well as increasing the circulation of our medium of trade in other ways. The establishment is one whose work is considered reliable and whose proprietor enjoys the confidence and esteem of the people among whom he has made his home.

Mr. Bower first saw the light of day in Orange county, N. Y., January 11, 1842. When he was seven years old he came with his parents to Dane county, Wis., where the family settled on a farm, and there our subject was educated in the common schools of the district, and grew to manhood. He was still a member of the parental household, when the first assault on the national honor was made, and April 12, 1861, he offered his services as a soldier and was accepted and enrolled as a private in company A, Seventh Wisconsin regiment, infantry. He took part with his regiment in the battles of Gainesville, Va., South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He was slightly wounded in the foot at the engagement at Gainesville, and after faithful service of three and a half years, was mustered out and discharged at Madison, Wis.

On returning again to civil life our subject engaged in farming in Dane county, Wis., until the spring of 1869, at which time he started for Dakota territory. April 17th he arrived at Vermillion and after homesteading 160 acres, he also purchased a claim of the same number of acres in Spirit Mound township, and on this property. He continued to reside until 1873, coming at that time to Vermillion to engage in the meat

business as well as flour, feed and produce. This latter enterprise he conducted until the flood of 1881, when he built the kiln which he now operates in the manufacture of brick. His process is what is known as the semi-dry, which produces brick of a superior quality, and his establishment has a capacity of 25,000 per day. He owns fifteen acres of land all located within the limits of Vermillion, and from this he gets the raw material for his manufactory.

Mr. Bower and Miss Julia M. Morrow were united in marriage in Lodi, Columbia Co., Wis., April 3, 1866. Mrs. Bower is a native of Bellville, Ohio, born March 16, 1844, and by her union with our subject has become the mother of three children, viz.: Lizzie M., the wife of Charles Brinstad; Frank W. and Grace M. Mr. Bower takes quite an interest in temperance work and is a member of the civic federation which organization is doing some effective work against the prevalent curse of the age. Religiously he belongs to the Congregational church, of which he has been a member with his wife since coming to Dakota, and socially he holds membership in Miner post No. 8, G. A. R.

**H**K. BERRY, treasurer of Turner county, and an influential citizen of southeastern Dakota, was born in Knox county, Ill., in the year 1849. His father, Isaac Berry, a native of Virginia, but of English descent, left his native state at an early day, and settled on a farm in Knox county, Ill., about the year 1840. In 1853 he removed with his family to Wapello county, Iowa, where he died at the age of seventy-two years. The mother

of our subject, prior to her marriage, was Miss Mary Maxwell, born in North Carolina, but settling in Illinois at an early day in its history. Our subject is the fourth of seven children, six of whom were sons, and one a daughter. The mother died at the age of sixty-six years. The children all grew to manhood and womanhood.

Our subject was about four years of age when the family removed to Iowa. He was reared in that state, attending the public school, and remaining with the family until his marriage, which happy event occurred October 24, 1870. The life partner which he chose at that date was Miss Mary Dugan, native of Iowa, born in Monroe county in 1853, and the daughter of George and Diana (Carter) Dugan.

For two years after his marriage he prosecuted his farming in Iowa, and then, in 1872, he went to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and took up a homestead in Swan Lake township. This farm he improved, and remained upon it for nine years. About this time he engaged with the Wilcox Lumber company of Yankton. This connection continued seven years, when he engaged with J. H. Queal & Co., also in the lumber business, with whom he remained three years. He then resigned his place with them, and devoted his attention to farming and stock-raising.

Elected to the office of treasurer of Turner county in 1894 and re-elected in 1896, he still resides on his farm. This farm consists of three hundred and twenty acres of fine land, besides other tracts that he rents each year. He has made a distinct success of the stock business, in which he is extensively engaged, and he has shown himself thoroughly master of the secret of suc-

cess in agriculture. He is one of the enterprising and ambitious men who have so materially advanced the development of South Dakota.

To Mr. and Mrs. Berry four sons and one daughter have been born, in the order following: Thomas A.; Effie M. (now deputy treasurer and assistant to her father); Clarence A.; Lee; Frederick. All the children are still at home, and constitute a family circle of which Mr. Berry is deservedly proud.

In political views our subject is a Republican. He is a member of Hurley lodge No. 75, I. O. O. F. He is one of the best known and most thoroughly respected citizens of Turner county, enjoying the confidence of all; is a good neighbor, and an honor to the community in which he lives.

**A**RCHIBALD DUNCAN, SR., was the first settler of Prairie township, Union county, and is now the fortunate possessor of a fine farm in section 32, of the same township. He has been numbered among the agriculturists of the county since 1869, and in prosecuting his farm work has been very industrious, progressive in his ideas, and ready to take advantage of every turn of the tide to improve his circumstances. He is widely known throughout the community for his many excellent traits of character, and his host of friends will be glad to read this sketch of his life work in the history of his adopted country.

Mr. Duncan is a native of Scotland, and is the second child of a family of eleven children born to Samuel and Janet Flockhart Duncan. Samuel, the eldest, is de-

ceased; then came Archibald, our subject; and then, in order of birth, the following children: Mrs. Helen Patterson; Mrs. Janet Hayes; Margaret; John, deceased; Robert, whose biography will be found on another page of this record; Thomas, deceased; William; and Elizabeth and Ann, both deceased. The father died at the age of eighty-nine years, having been born October 10, 1800, and his good wife passed from time to eternity in 1854 at the age of forty-eight years.

Archibald Duncan, Sr., was born September 27, 1827, at Linlithgowshire, Scotland, and was raised in the land of his birth, imbibing during his boyhood the thrift and industry characteristic of the Scottish race, which is indelibly stamped in the natures of the lads and lassies of the land of heather. He learned the trade of blacksmith, but followed farming all his life, and began working out at the early age of eight years, in this wise assisting to rear and educate his younger brothers and sisters. Mr. Duncan left the home of his ancestors in 1854 and emigrated to Canada. He first settled in Gray county, Ontario, near the Georgian bay, on a farm which was of little use for the purpose of agriculture because of the stones with which it was covered. He succeeded in cleaning up sixty acres of this and then sold out in 1869 and came to Union county, Dak. Ter. The county had just been organized then and settlers in his neighborhood were few and far between, no claims to the north of his homestead having been taken. With nothing to speak of when he took up his residence in the township where he yet lives, he has diligently and earnestly applied himself to his work, and is now the owner of three hundred and

twenty acres, all of which is improved. Although grasshoppers and hailstorms destroyed his crops and blizzards made life in the pioneer winter days uncomfortable, he has steadily kept pace with the growth of the country, gathering without scattering, and is now able to pass the evening of his life surrounded by everything his heart could wish that money can buy. As an early settler he has seen the county pass from a vast wilderness, fit only for a stamping ground for buffaloes and other wild animals, which were numerous in those days, to its present well-cultivated condition, and has himself been active in the development of its agricultural interests. His old homestead he improved and lived on until 1880, and then purchased and removed to his present farm, where he carries on an extensive general farming business. Politically he is a stanch supporter of Republican doctrines and casts his vote accordingly. He has served as road overseer and uses his influence as a prominent citizen in making a success any worthy enterprise calculated to advance the welfare of the community.

Mr. Duncan has a nice, comfortable home, and to the lady who has presided over his household affairs so gracefully for the past thirty-five years, and who has contributed so much to his happiness in life, he was wedded in 1861. Mrs. Duncan bore the maiden name of Miss Agnes Hill, and is, like her husband, a native of Scotland. She is the youngest of a family of twelve children born to George and Grace (Braidwood) Hill, the former a native of Leith, and the latter of Lannockshire, where, also, Mrs. Duncan was born, August 28, 1840. The other children, in the order of their birth, are as follows: Grace, Margaret,

Daniel, John, Mary and Elizabeth, deceased; George and Kate; the ninth and eleventh children died in infancy, and Helen, the tenth, also died young. Mr. and Mrs. Hill came to America in 1851, with their family, and settled in Buffalo, N. Y., and later went to Canada, their deaths occurring in Delaware county, Iowa, whither they went in 1861.

Mr. Duncan and his estimable wife have been blessed in their marriage by the birth of six children, viz.: Samuel; Mrs. Grace B. Anderson; Mrs. Jessie F. Johnson; Mrs. Mary E. Bussler; George H.; and Agnes, deceased. All the children have been thoroughly educated and well-fitted for their various callings in life, and the whole family are members of the Baptist church.

LEONARD HOWARD, a highly respected and enterprising citizen of Turner county, in Marion township, of which he has a fine farm of 160 acres, improved with various outbuildings used in carrying on the work, is a native of Broome county, N. Y., and was born August 27, 1833. His father and mother, Samuel and Nancy (Rogers) Howard, were natives of Vermont and New York respectively, but both of English descent.

Leonard Howard was the eldest of a family of four sons and two daughters born to this worthy couple, and was reared in his native place until he had attained the age of sixteen years, during which time he attended the district schools for an education. When his parents removed in 1849 to Jefferson county, Wis., young Howard accompanied them, and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-seven years of age. At

that time he took the most important step in his career—his marriage—the happy event occurring July 2, 1860. The bride was Miss Ermina Howard, a native of Henry county, Ill., and a daughter of Sperry and Nancy Howard, and after their marriage the young couple located on a farm in Jefferson county, Wis., where Mr. Howard devoted his time and attention to the general farming business until 1879. That year he came with his family to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and settled on the farm whereon he now makes his home. He entered government land, and all the improvements, such as fences, buildings, etc., have been made by him since his settlement on the property. He now has 160 acres of land, and in connection with farming operations also follows his trade of mason, which business he learned when young.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard are the parents of four children on whom have been bestowed the following names, viz.: K. C., Alfred S., Willis G. and Edna E. He belongs to the A. O. U. W., lodge No. 2, at Parker, and has served many years on the school board of his district, taking great interest in the cause of education.

## WILLIAM M. STILWELL.

Among the men who are gaining a good support by tilling the soil of Dayton township, Lincoln county, and are laying aside something for a rainy day, is the gentleman above named. He is located in section 6, and has an attractive farm adorned with well-built structures of various kinds needed in carrying on the occupation of general farming.

Mr. Stilwell was born in Tompkins coun-

ty, N. Y., May 16, 1829. His father, Clark Stilwell, was a lumberman by occupation, and removed with his family to Tioga county, Penn., when our subject was about six years old. In the latter place William grew to maturity, assisting his father, and was a member of the parental household until he attained the age of twenty-three years. At that time he took an important step in his career, which was his marriage to Miss Selina Kinne, who was born in Romulus, Seneca Co., N. Y., July 9, 1832, and he and his bride then settled in Tioga county, Penn., where Mr. Stilwell engaged in farming quite extensively. He continued his farming operations until 1863, when he removed to Elmira, Chemung Co., N. Y., and established himself in the mercantile business. For eleven years he carried on business there, and then sold out in August, 1875, and removed to Dakota territory, locating in section 6 of Dayton township, where he has since lived. The improvements he has made are first-class in every respect and include a large number of shade trees, shrubs, etc. He has taken quite an interest in local affairs of a public nature, and beside being a member of the town board has also held many of the minor offices of Dayton township. He is a popular man and a good citizen.

Mrs. Stilwell has faithfully discharged her duties as wife and mother, and as a member of the community is highly regarded for her kindness of heart and spirit of benevolence, and is a consistent and devout Christian, being a member of the Baptist church. She is a well-educated and intelligent lady, and has taught school in her district, since coming to Dakota territory, for three terms. Prior to her marriage with



our subject she was also a teacher. To her and husband have been born four children, of whom we note the following: Sarah Helen, the wife of Joseph Wood, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Eva L.; Mary D., who died when eleven years old; and Phoebe Belle, who died in infancy.

**A**HIRA A. PARTRIDGE, a well-known citizen and farmer of Vermillion township, Clay county, is a native of New York, born in Cato, Cayuga county, January 31, 1832. His father and mother, Abram and Olive (Jewell) Partridge, were both natives of the Empire state, the former born in Schoharie county, and the latter in Susquehanna county. After their marriage they settled in Cayuga county, and then removed in 1837 to Oakland county, Mich., where they resided until 1850, going that year to Wayne county, of the same state, and locating about four miles from Detroit. There they both died at advanced ages.

Of the family of five sons and two daughters born to this worthy couple, our subject was the eldest son and second child. He remained with his parents until 1856, assisting his father in the cultivation of the home farm, and in May of that year started for Waterloo, Iowa. After working at the latter place at carpentering for about six months, he located on a farm in Dixon county, Neb., which he operated until 1859, and then came to Dakota territory. The country was still in the possession of the Indians, the treaty having been made, though yet to be ratified by the United States senate, and the following spring, after selecting a claim, he built his cabin

and started in to improve what has ever since been his residence. His present farm consists of 120 acres on which he has made some excellent improvements in the shape of good, substantial buildings, neat fences, etc., and the farm is further embellished by numerous fruit and shade trees. His fine orchard of 400 trees he has planted all himself, and 150 of the trees are now bearing abundantly.

The gentleman of whom we write was married in Clay county, December 9, 1861, to Miss Casandra Shriner, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, May 8, 1840, a daughter of Lawrence and Susanna Shriner. Mrs. Shriner passed to the world beyond in 1842, and her husband survived her until early in the '70s, when he also passed away, his death occurring at the home of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Partridge are the parents of five children, of whom the following is a record: Colista J., wife of Willard Gilchrist; Ida, now Mrs. William Russell; James, George B., and William W.

Mr. Partridge is one of the earliest settlers of Clay county, as well as of the state, and has been closely identified with the development of this great commonwealth. He has held various of the township offices, has been twice elected sheriff of Clay county, and was first lieutenant of company B, Dakota Militia in 1862.

**A**CHARLES W. LINDEMAN. The farming interests of Highland township, Lincoln county, have a worthy exponent in the person of the gentleman above named, who operates 400 acres in sections 10 and 11. Most of the tract is improved and tillable, and altogether makes

up an estate whereon a remunerative business may well be done by a man who devotes himself closely and intelligently to his work. In the way of buildings some very substantial structures have been erected for the shelter of the crops and stock, and the comfort of the family, while good fences subdivide and enclose the land.

The kingdom of Prussia, an important part of the great Germanic confederation, is the ancestral home of the Lindemans, and there his parents, Martin and Minnie (Grape) Lindeman, were born, grew to maturity and married, and where also Charles W. Lindeman first saw the light of day, August 23, 1843. He accompanied his father and mother when they came to America and settled in Jefferson county, Wis., and while living there Mrs. Lindeman died. The father came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., in 1867, and in Highland township he also passed away early in April, 1885. Charles W. grew to manhood on his father's farm in Wisconsin, he being the youngest in a family of seven children and twelve years old when he saw the shores of the fatherland receding as the family started for their new home. In 1867 he started from the Badger state for Dakota territory, and on arrival located in Highland township, where he still makes his home. He is, therefore, one of the very earliest settlers of the county. He has always attended strictly to his business, exerting all his energy and labor in the development of his property; that he has succeeded is but the natural result of close application to the management of his farm and sound and mature judgment in all transactions.

The lady to whose housewifely skill the neatness and order of the home are due, and whose amiability makes her a charming com-

panion, became the wife of our subject March 19, 1885, in Highland township. She bore the maiden name of Miss Isabella Hanson, and was born in Norway, May 29, 1862, coming to America when she was twenty years of age. Their household is completed by four children, Henry W., Minnie B., Matilda S. and Rosa P.

**P**H. FARLEY occupies a prominent place as a well-to-do and progressive member of the farming community of Union county, in Prairie township, of which he has an elegant farm of 240 acres. Since his residence here he has placed upon it such improvements as entitle it to rank among the finest pieces of property devoted to agricultural pursuits to be found throughout the community, and has been instrumental in developing and promoting the growth of this section of the county.

Our subject was born in County Meath, Ireland, and in 1850 came to America with his parents. They first settled in Stephenson county, Ill., on a farm, and there Mr. Farley was raised to manhood, receiving his education in the common schools of the same county. He enlisted in 1863, to take a position in the quartermaster's department at St. Louis, where he served for seven months. After his discharge he hired out to a farmer near Jacksonville, Ill., for a year, and then returned to his home in Stephenson county, where he followed agricultural pursuits for another year. He then took up lumbering on the Mississippi river in Wisconsin, and devoted his time to that occupation for six or seven years. Mr. Farley had been to Dakota territory in 1870, and

took up land, but it was not until 1876 that he came and settled permanently. His original farm was in Prairie township, and when he settled upon it it was wholly unimproved. He built a frame house, started in to break up his land, and in time had it in a good state of tillage. In 1878 he moved to his present place, which at that time was also little better than raw prairie land. He is now the fortunate owner of 240 acres in section 4, and has put on himself all the present improvements, hiring nothing done. He had a good capacity for labor, and shows it in the immense amount of hard work he has done in bringing his estate to its present fine condition. He has devoted his time and attention exclusively to general farming and stock raising, and has succeeded admirably. He has also operated a threshing machine in connection with his agricultural interests, and increased his financial standing some in that way. Politically he affiliates with the Populist party, though he was formerly a Democrat, and takes an active interest in the administration of local affairs. He organized his school district, and was the first director of the school board. Has also served as justice of the peace for his township but resigned the office.

The marriage of Miss Catherine Maher to our subject occurred in 1871, and this union has been blessed to them by the birth of nine children, viz: Mary, Francis, Jennie, Kittie, Adelle, Thomas, Julia, Clara and Rose. They are all members of the Catholic church at Beresford, and have been very active there. Mr. Farley takes special pains in the education of his children, giving them every advantage for obtaining a thorough and practical knowledge in the best

schools. Five are graduates and three now hold teachers' positions in various institutions of learning. Miss Mary is a young lady of rare musical talent, and is a teacher of that art, both vocal and instrumental.

Mr. Farley is a student of literature, and has been a great reader in a general way. He peruses the newspapers and the best magazines and publications of this and other countries, and keeps well abreast of the times in current thought. He is posted on all subjects of local interest, political economy, etc., and uses his knowledge of ways and means unstintedly in the cause of good government.

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**D**ANIEL POLLEY, an old soldier citizen of Middleton township, Turner county, on section 7, of which he owns and operates a valuable farming property, is a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, and first opened his eyes to the light March 19, 1843. When he was one year old his parents removed to Pennsylvania, and there on a farm he was reared and grew to maturity, receiving, during his boyhood days, such education as was afforded in the district schools of the neighborhood, and gaining much valuable knowledge as to the proper conduct of an estate by assisting his father. He was still a member of the parental household when the great Civil war began, and was one of the first to enlist in the defense of the national honor, his name being enrolled as a member of company G, One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania regiment, infantry, in September, 1861. The regiment was ordered to Baltimore and there mustered into the

army of the Potomac under Gen. McClellan. At the battle of Antietam our subject was wounded in the breast by a piece of shell, sent to the hospital at Frederick City, Md., and there discharged on account of disability, caused by the wound. He returned home to Pennsylvania, and in 1863 started west to Wisconsin, where he again enlisted as a soldier under the stars and stripes, this time becoming corporal of company H, Forty-third Wisconsin regiment, infantry. The regiment in due time was mustered into Gen. Sherman's command, and was engaged principally on guard duty at railroad stations from Nashville to Johnsonville until the close of hostilities.

After his discharge in June, 1865, our subject returned to the Badger state, locating in Grant county until 1872, and then removed to Butler county, Neb., on a wild piece of land which he improved and lived on until 1878, coming at that time to Dakota territory, and settling on the farm whereon he now makes his home and base of operations. His landed possessions aggregate 210 acres, and the improvements which have been made greatly enhance its value. In addition to a good residence he has erected barns and other out buildings, introduced the latest improved machinery, and placed his farm on an equal with any in the township. He always keeps abreast of the times, and for his success in life deserves not a little credit. He may truly be called a self-made man, for without capital or influential friends to aid him in the conflict, he began the battle of life, and the word success has been written upon his banner.

Mr. Polley was married in 1875 to Miss Margaret E. Bradberry, a native of Grant county, Wis., and to this union have been

born six children, viz.: Leta, Leanna, Bertha, Zora, Ford, and Nina. The children are all afforded the advantages of good educations, and the eldest daughter is now a student at the state university. As a citizen he faithfully discharges his duties, and to the cause of education he is a warm friend. He has been school treasurer, and also served as township assessor, and in political matters is identified with the Republican party. Socially he holds membership in the G. A. R. post at Hurley.

**M**ILES RUSSELL. An honorable position among the farmers of Vermillion township, Clay county, is willingly accorded to this gentleman by his associates. He is a native of the Empire state, born December 5, 1824, in Randolph, Cattaraugus county, to Clement and Sabra (Harvey) Russell, natives of Maine and New York, respectively. This couple married and settled in the place where our subject was born, and in 1830 emigrated to Michigan, settling first in Lenawee county, later in St. Joseph county, and then in Branch county of the same state, where they continued to reside until 1837. The latter year Mr. Russell, with his family, started for Iowa and located in Jones county, and there both he and his wife passed to the world beyond, their deaths occurring at Fairview of that state.

Of the seven children composing the family, five were sons and two were daughters, and Miles was the eldest. He was about thirteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to the Hawkeye state, and in Jones county he grew to manhood

and continued to live for several years. April 13, 1848, Mr. Russell was married to Miss Jane C. Randall, who was born in Pitcher, Chenango Co., N. Y., May 6, 1828, and the young couple then took up their residence on the old homestead, where they continued to remain until 1851. That year he went to Anamosa, where he followed carpentering for four years, and then returned to the town of Fairview, where he rented land and farmed until 1858, going that year to Dixon county, Neb. In December, 1861, he left the Blackwater state for Dakota territory, settling in Vermillion, where he engaged in the mercantile business until 1875, since which date he has been conducting his farm of sixty acres in section 23 of Vermillion township.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell are the parents of nine children, but only three of this family still survive, viz.: Minirva, the wife of T. R. Jewell; Julia, now Mrs. George D. Porter; and Charles C. Randolph died at the age of sixteen years, Ella when thirteen, and the other children when they were quite young. Mrs. Russell also passed to her reward beyond the grave after a married life of almost half a century, her death occurring in Vermillion township February 22, 1896. She was a woman of extremely kind nature, a loving mother, whose life had been wrapped up in her household, her children and husband, and her death was a sad blow, not only to the immediate members of the family, but to all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

Mr. Russell has taken quite an interest in all public affairs, and during President Lincoln's administration was postmaster of Vermillion, his term of office extending over a period of four years.

JAMES WILLEY is the owner of 320 acres of fine farming land, one-half in section 1 of Prairie township, and the balance in Norway township, Lincoln county, the entire amount of which is improved. He devotes his energies to mixed farming, and the neat and tasty surroundings combined with the fine appearance of the farm indicate the owner to be a man of enterprise and thrift. As Mr. Willey is well and popularly known throughout the community, a sketch of his life will be received with interest by our readers. He is a native of the province of Quebec, Canada, and was born October 8, 1843. His early life was spent in his mother country on a farm, and the common schools of the district afforded him the rudiments of education. In the spring of 1865 he came to the "States," locating in Jackson county, Iowa, where he worked in a blacksmith shop for two years, and then settled on a farm in Clinton county of the same state, which he operated for a period of three years longer. Woodbury county next claimed him as a resident for a year and then he removed to Sioux county, settling on a homestead. That land was all wild and had never seen the plow, but under the skillful management of our subject it was improved and made his home until the spring of 1881, when he sold out and came to Union county, Dak. Ter. Here again he was confronted with practically raw land which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. To his original purchase he added another quarter section in Norway township, and this makes up his total landed possessions of 320 acres as stated above. All the outbuildings and both of his barns he has erected himself, and his two pieces of prop-

erty are among the best in the townships in which they are located. Politically he is and always has been a staunch supporter of Republican principles, and takes an active interest in all local matters. He has served as clerk of his school district for three terms and also as road supervisor, and has frequently attended both county and state conventions of the party with which he is in sympathy as a delegate. He is distinctly a self-made man, starting in his battle for existence without a dollar, and by thrift, enterprise and frugality has made his mark as a well-to-do and prominent citizen.

Mr. Willey was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to the lady who so graciously presides over his home, in 1885. Her maiden name was Miss Sarah Armstrong, and she was a native of Upper Canada. The union has been blessed with the birth of four children, but two of whom are living, viz.: Earnest E. and Lottie. Mrs. Willey is a woman of Christian character, and a member of the local missionary society.

**H**ON. EDGAR DEAN, secretary and manager of the Farmers' Lumber company, of Canton, is the subject of this sketch. No man stands higher in the regard of his fellow-citizens than Mr. Dean, who is in every way worthy of the estimation in which he is held. In his career as a farmer, public officer and merchant, he has displayed an excellent capacity for business, possessing sound judgment, forethought and wise calculation, which have brought him to the front rank among the most prosperous members of the township. He has been influential in pub-

lic affairs, taking an intelligent interest in all that concerned his locality, and his public-spirit has helped forward many plans devised for its advancement. Especially is this true in regard to education, as he has been one of the most prominent members of the school board for four years, and is now treasurer of the Canton board of education.

Mr. Dean is still in the prime of life, having been born May 26, 1851, in Sullivan county, N. Y., where he continued to live until he attained the age of eight years. His parents then removed to Ulster county of the same state, and there our subject spent eight years more of his boyhood. Edgar was sixteen years old then, and in De Kalb county, Ill., where his parents then located, he grew to maturity. His education was acquired in the common schools in the districts wherein he resided, and in the graded schools of Sycamore, Ill. In May, 1874, he came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and engaged in farming for himself, in Norway township, where he took up a claim of 160 acres as a homestead, and an eighty-acre timber claim. His farm he improved and brought to a high state of cultivation, making it his home until 1887, when he was elected to the responsible position of treasurer of Lincoln county, and in order to give his entire time and attention to the discharge of the duties of that office, he removed to Canton. He served in that capacity for four years, having also, prior to his election to the position, been a member of the board of county commissioners four years. After spending two years on his farm, he then established himself in the lumber business in Canton, and has since continued to conduct a thriving and success-

ful enterprise. Many of the more important offices of Norway township Mr. Dean held while a resident within its borders, and in the fall of 1891 he was elected to the state senate, in which capacity he served one term; in fact, in all affairs of a public nature Mr. Dean is an active participant, and is looked upon as a well-informed and prominent citizen of the county. He also owns 320 acres of land situated in Norway and Pleasant townships, which he conducts in connection with his lumber interests in Canton.

July 12, 1871, the rites of wedlock were celebrated between Edgar Dean and Miss Lavina Parker, the latter a native of Perry county, Ind. This lady is a woman of much intelligence, who looks carefully after the family interests in the management of household affairs, is social and hospitable, and sympathizes in the good works promulgated in the community. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Ralph, George, Effie, Edna, Ella and Edgar M. He is socially affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, I. O. O. F., and also belongs to the chapter. His personal character is such as to win universal esteem, and his business career promises fine results.

**H**ON. NATHANIEL V. ROSS. The subject of this biography, a farmer residing in section 18, Vermillion township, Clay county, was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, on the 9th of June, 1835. His father was Benjamin Ross, and his mother, Mary Palm, a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent. After their marriage they settled in Trumbull

county, Ohio, where they lived, with the exception of a couple of years spent in Mercer county, Pa., until early in the '40s, leaving the Buckeye state at that time and settling in Jones county, Iowa. During the latter years of his life, Mr. Ross went to Maysville, Ark., for his health, and there died; his wife later on came to Clay county, Dak. Ter., and at the residence of her son, in Fairview township, she also passed to her reward beyond the grave.

Of the eight children born to the above couple, three sons and five daughters, our subject was the fifth in order of birth. He was living with an uncle in Trumbull county when his parents removed to Iowa, but in the fall of 1852, he joined the family and engaged in farming in Jones county until 1858, leaving the Hawkeye state at that time for southern Nebraska, where he remained until coming to Dakota territory. May, 1861, Mr. Ross took up a claim of 160 acres in section 18, of Vermillion township, settled thereon, and has ever since made it his home. Agriculture has always been his business, and he has been eminently successful in his chosen calling.

The marriage of Mr. Ross and Miss Margaret Goudy, was celebrated in Marion, Linn Co., Iowa, November 18, 1855. Mrs. Ross is a daughter of Thomas and Mary (McWilliams) Goudy, and is a native of Ohio, born February 6, 1835. Six living children have come to bless this union, of whom the following is a record: Mary, the wife of L. B. Keeling; Walter; Eva, now Mrs. Stickney; Edith, Horace and May B. Of the four deceased members of the family, three died in infancy, and John died in his fifteenth year.

Mr. Ross has always affiliated with the



Republicans, and is a staunch upholder of the doctrines of that party. He was a member of the territorial council, serving during the sessions of 1864-5 and 6, and has also held numerous of the township offices, being the present chairman of the board of supervisors. He is also a strong temperance man, and makes use of his influence wherever he can in the cause.

PINKNEY T. WALKER, for many years one of the prominent and leading farmers of Turner county who resided in section 22, Germantown township, is a native of Adair county, Ky., and first saw the light April 28, 1822. His father Cyrus Walker, was a native of Virginia and came to Kentucky when a young man. He arrived in Illinois in 1832 and located at Macomb, now the county seat of McDonough county, where he engaged in the practice of law. He also followed his profession in Burlington, Iowa, and various other places in that state and was one of the great criminal lawyers and prominent men of his day. He was the first man to recognize Abraham Lincoln's ability and advised that young man to study law. He and Stephen A. Douglas were great friends and at one time during their early careers shared a room together. He was of Scotch descent and lived to be eighty-seven years old. His father, Alexander Walker, was also a native of Virginia and a farmer by occupation. Flora (Montgomery) Walker, the mother of our subject, was born in Kentucky and passed her girlhood near the city of Frankfort. She was of Irish descent and died at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Walker were the parents of

six children, four sons and two daughters, viz.: Cynthia A., John M., Pinkney T., Alexander, Mary and Cyrus. All but Cyrus and the subject of this sketch are now deceased.

Pinkney T. was the third child and second son in order of birth and was ten years old when he accompanied his parents to McDonough county, Ill., from his native state. In the common schools of Macomb he received his early education, and graduated from the Macomb college when he was twenty-five years of age, having made a special study of the Latin and Greek languages. While a resident of Illinois he was united in wedlock in 1854 to Miss Sarah Wagner, who died in 1856, and subsequently in 1858 he married Miss Maria Beaty, by whom he had four children, viz.: Mary, deceased; William; Alice, now the wife of A. B. King, of Newton, Iowa; and Sarah, wife of A. Chadderdon, who resides in McDonough county, Ill. May 24, 1865, Mrs. Walker died and the same year our subject went to what was called Young America, Warren Co., Ill., where he engaged in the grocery business. He stayed there until the spring of 1866 when he sold out and removed to Monroe, Jasper Co., Iowa, and established another grocery store which he conducted till the spring of 1868, when he disposed of that also.

Mr. Walker was married to Clarissa M. Alexander, September 26, 1867. She is a native of Parke county, Ind., and was born January 11, 1839. Her early life was passed in her native county, and when eleven years of age she accompanied her parents to Oskaloosa, Iowa. In 1878 Mr. Walker and his wife came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and homesteaded 160 acres, upon



which they lived for many years. Mr. Walker originally filed on two quarter sections. His first place of abode was a sod house 11 x 15 feet, in which he and his family lived for almost six years. He now has a good residence, well-improved grounds and a fine orchard of one hundred trees which he planted himself, but since the death of his faithful wife—December 3, 1896—he has taken up his residence with his son, William C., in Parker township. Mr. Walker is a strong Republican in politics and a prominent member of the Presbyterian church, in which he was a deacon for many years. He is a devout Christian and regular attendant at church.

**G**RUMAN AMES, official abstracter and attorney-at-law who has his office and residence located in Elk Point, is a native of Lake county, Ill., and was born in 1851. He is a son of Elijah and Phoebe T. Ames, natives of Vermont and Pennsylvania, respectively. Elijah Ames was a farmer by occupation, and came to Illinois at an early date, being one of the first settlers in the region of Lake county, where his death occurred in 1886. He was originally a Whig in politics, and subsequently a Republican, and both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Ames still resides on the old homestead in Lake county, Ill. They were the parents of eight children, viz.: Walter W., Lydia W., Edmund, Rizpah, Truman, Watie M., Lillie P. and Luella.

The subject of this personal history was raised on the home farm and educated in the common schools of his native county.

At the age of twenty years he went to Tioga county, Pa., and worked on his uncle's farm, attending the district school the first year and then the state normal school at Mansfield, from which he graduated in 1874. After his graduation he went to Williamsport and taught one year in a private school for boys, then he returned to his home in Illinois, and remained a year during which time he was engaged in farming. On his return to Pennsylvania again he entered the office of his elder brother Walter W., and studied law for six months, but his health gave out and he went back to Tioga county, Pa., again where he secured employment on a farm in summer and taught school in the winter. From there he went to Williamsport, and read law in the office of his cousin, H. T. Ames, till 1880, when he was admitted to the bar. After his admission to practice he settled in Dubois, Clearfield Co., Pa., where he resided and followed his profession for a period of ten years. In that city he was elected mayor twice, and was appointed to fill the same vacancy twice, and he also held many of the minor offices of the town. While a resident of Dubois he was married to Miss Nellie Doyen, a native of Tioga county, Pa., and a daughter of Warren and Diantha (Grandy) Doyen. Mr. Doyen was a dentist, and his daughter received her education at the state normal school of Mansfield, after which she taught school for several years.

Mr. Ames left Pennsylvania in the fall of 1891 and came with his wife and two sons, Jay H. and Howard T., to visit his parents in Illinois. In the spring of 1892 he removed to South Dakota, and settled at Elk Point, where he engaged in the practice of his profession and at the same time opened

a set of abstract books. Since his residence here he has taken an active interest in the welfare of the community and has purchased a beautiful residence in the city where he makes his home. He is a staunch Republican and for two years past has been chairman of the county central committee. He served as justice of the peace in Elk Point during 1894 and '95, and is one of the prominent, highly respected citizens and able lawyers of the county.

**P**ATRICK McALEAR, one of the old settlers residing in section 23, Germantown township, and engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, came to Turner county in 1878. South Dakota was then a territory, and he entered 160 acres of land as a homestead and began to break up and improve his land. He still resides on this original farm and has made many improvements in the shape of good buildings, fences and trees, which he planted, and now has a fine piece of property.

Mr. McAlear is a native of Fermanagh county, Ireland, and was born in 1822. His boyhood was spent in the land of his birth, where he resided until he reached the mature age of twenty-two years, and then emigrated to America. His first location was in Zanesville, Ohio, and from there he removed to Brown county, Wis., where he purchased a farm of forty acres, which he conducted until he came to Turner county, as stated above. He was married in Ripon, Wis., to Miss Mary Murry, a native of Ireland, and they are the parents of two children, a son and daughter, viz., John and Maggie A., both of whom reside at home. Mrs. McAlear died in 1872 and was buried

in the Catholic cemetery in Brown county, Wisconsin.

Mr. McAlear is a Democrat and his son John affiliates with the Populist party. The family are devout members of the Catholic church.

**J**OHAN A. BOGERT. The maturer years of this gentleman have been devoted almost entirely to the toil and labor pertaining to the calling of a farmer, and he has acquired a knowledge of times and seasons, means and methods, that make him a source of information to others less favored by nature or less observing. He owns and occupies a pleasant and remunerative tract of land in Grant township, Lincoln county, and here pursues the even tenor of his way, gaining worldly goods and enjoying the comfort of a happy household and home.

Peter Bogert, the father of our subject, was a son of Cornelius Bogert, the latter a native of Hackensack, N. J., his father being a Revolutionary war soldier, and of Holland descent. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Sylvia Cudback, and she and her husband in 1836 removed from Niagara county, N. Y., where John A. was born in 1835, and located at Adrian, Mich. In the latter place they made their home until the grim visaged traveller, death, overtook them, Mr. Bogert dying at the age of eighty-two, and the partner of his life at seventy-eight. They were the parents of six children, of whom we note the following: Roxanna, wife of Frank Graves; Catherine, married to J. H. Hitchcock; John A.; Adelia, wife of John Savers; Peter T.; and Addie, wife of Dwight





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Snedeker; all of whom, with the exception of the subject of our sketch, reside in or near Adrian, Mich.

John A. passed the days of his childhood and youth and grew to mature years on the farm which he assisted in cultivating. Under the care of his Christian parents he early learned by what principles his life should be governed, and at school and at home gained knowledge of importance, especially such as pertained to the calling which he chose. He was frugal and industrious, and eventually found himself the possessor of a fine piece of farming property, which he disposed of in 1883, and then came to Dakota territory. He bought a timber claim which he in time proved up on, and the many improvements in the shape of substantial barns, a good dwelling, etc., reflect credit on his persistent and progressive enterprise. Besides general farming he also engages in stock breeding and raises a good grade of animals.

The marriage of Mr. Bogert three or four years after his arrival in Dakota to Mrs. Mattie Peterson, a native of Norway, was celebrated September 29, 1888, and this union has been blest by the advent of four children—Hettie, Anna Maud, John P., and Cora May. Politically he has been a Democrat all his life; and socially is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

**A** H. RECTOR. On another page is presented a portrait of this gentleman, who is one of Turner county's largest general farmers and a prominent citizen of Parker township where he has his residence. He is a native of the Empire State, and was born in Schenectady, N. Y., December 25, 1837. He is

a son of George Sherman and Martha (Campbell) Rector, the former of German descent, and born in New York, and the latter also of German descent and a native of the same state. Mr. Rector died at the age of seventy-eight years. Mrs. Rector is still spared to this world and has reached the mile-stone of four-score years. They had a family of twelve children.

The subject of this biography was the second child and was brought to Illinois by his parents when four years old. They located in McHenry county, Ill., on a farm where our subject was reared and attended the log school house of the township of Alden which was situated three miles from his home. This distance he traversed every day on his way to and from school. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority when he started out for himself. He had nothing to rely on for a livelihood except the tools which nature gave him—his hands—but he was equal to the emergency and set bravely to work. He was united in marriage September 28, 1859, to Miss Harriett Fink, a native of New York, and the first year of wedded life he worked for \$150, out of which he supported himself and wife. At the end of that time he had \$5 in money, and with this rented a farm on shares. For three years after he continued to rent land and carried on farming, and in 1864 gallantly responded to the call of the President of the United States for troops to suppress the rebellion. He enlisted in company C, Ninety-fifth Illinois regiment, infantry, as a private, and served until the close of hostilities. He was a participant in many of the battles of the Civil war and was honorably discharged in 1865 at Montgomery, Ala., and

returned to his family in McHenry county, Ill. In the spring of 1866 he bought a farm in Marshall county, Iowa, but on account of his wife's illness they did not move to their new home, and remained in McHenry county. He bought fifty acres of land there first and gradually added to it as he prospered until when he sold out in 1881 he disposed of 200 acres of well improved property. In 1882 he came to Dakota territory and purchased the farm where he now lives. His present holdings comprise 800 acres, all in a body and all located in Parker township, under fence and in a high state of cultivation. All of this land has been accumulated by his own thrift and industry and the exercise of sound and mature judgment in conducting his affairs. He is a Republican politically "from the feet up," and always has been. He held the position of justice of the peace while a resident of Illinois and also various other public offices, deputy sheriff, constable, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Rector are the parents of five children, one of whom died the day Mr. Rector was discharged from the army, and another in December of the same year. Three sons are yet living, viz.: John, Clarence R. and Julius B.

**J**ESSE B. DAILY, an intelligent citizen and one of the leading farmers and stock dealers of Clay county, has his headquarters in Vermillion. He was born in Jackson county, Ind., February 24, 1840, and in 1851 accompanied his parents to Tama county, Iowa, they being among the very earliest settlers in that section of the Hawkeye state. There he was reared and educated, and, though op-

portunities for acquiring book learning during those days were decidedly limited, he was a close observer of everything going on about him, and the knowledge thus gained has been of great importance to him in his battle in life.

Mr. Daily continued to live in Tama county, assisting his father on the farm, for eighteen years, and then settled in Monona county, of the same state, where he purchased a farm. In the fall of 1872, five years later, he came to Vermillion, Dak. Ter., secured a position as clerk in a store, which he held for about twelve months, and then established himself in the mercantile business on his own account. At the end of a year he sold out in order to engage in grain and stock dealing, he being the consignor of the first carload of live stock ever shipped from Vermillion, and this business he continued in exclusively for several years. He now operates a farm of 117 acres a short distance from the city, which he settled on in the spring of 1893. He has been closely identified with the development and growth of the community, and for two years served as an alderman in the council.

Mr. Daily was united in marriage to Miss Agnes McLauray, a native of New York state, the ceremony being performed in Belle Plaine, Benton Co., Iowa, and to this union has been born three children, viz.: Gertie L., Carrie B., and Harry V.

Last, but not least, in this brief life history is our subject's record as a soldier in the late war. He enlisted in the service of the government in May, 1862, when he was enrolled as a private in company F, Twenty-eighth Iowa regiment, infantry, and for two years he served his country faithfully and well. He participated in the siege of

Vicksburg in company with his regiment, and in the battle of Champion Hill he also took part, besides many minor engagements and numerous skirmishes.

**J**OHAN CLARE. Among the foreign born residents of Union county who are thoroughly identified with American civilization and progress, may be noted John Clare. He owns a farm in section 6 of Prairie township, where the usual improvements have been made, and such arrangements consummated as make it a comfortable home.

Mr. Clare is a native of Queens county, Ireland, and was born July 26, 1851. He was raised on a farm in his native land until eighteen years of age, and in 1872 came to America, landing at New York city. For several years he worked in the pottery of Thomas C. Smith & Sons at Greenpoint, and in 1875 came west. September 3rd of that year he made his appearance in Vermillion, and, after looking around, decided on buying the farm on which he now resides. The gentleman from whom he bought the property, Mr. William Behnke, now deceased, had built a small shanty and had twenty-five acres improved. Our subject located here among strangers, and he stood many of the hardships through which the settlers passed, among them being the grasshopper plagues, etc. He persevered, however, and has succeeded in his chosen occupation. His present farm consists of 320 acres, all improved, on which he has erected two full sets of farm buildings, and carries on a general farming business, also raising horses and cattle. He has interested himself in thoroughbred horses and has some

fine specimens which include Kitte C. and Wexford Boy. He is also a breeder of polled Aberdeen-Angus and Hereford cattle and does quite an extensive business in the bovine line. When he settled here he had practically nothing, and he owes his present well-to-do circumstances to his own hard work and industry. He has a fine farm and has been a successful agriculturist. Politically he has been a Democrat, and among the offices of the township which he has held is that of justice of the peace, in which capacity he served for a period of six years; he was subsequently re-elected to the position but did not qualify.

Mr. Clare was married in 1874 to Miss Annie Dolan, a native of Kilkenney county, Ireland, and this marriage has been blessed to them by the birth of five children, three of whom are living, viz.: Edward, born August 29, 1877; Arthur William, born July 12, 1882; and Mary Agnes, born February 8, 1887. The deceased are: James, born June 2, 1876, and died October 9, 1876; and Margaret Ann, born December 5, 1887, died December 9th following. Mr. and Mrs. Clare also have adopted and orphan boy, Michael A. Belle, who they intend to raise and educate. The children are all having every facility thrown in their way to acquire good educations, and the daughter, Mary, is now a student at the St. Clara (Wisconsin) academy. Mr. Clare has served as and is now a director on the school board of his district.

In his career as a farmer and stock raiser Mr. Clare has displayed much shrewdness, forethought and capacity for untiring labor that have brought him a comfortable competence. He and his estimable wife are people whose daily lives are such as to com-

mand the respect of all around them. They are earnest members of the St. Joseph Catholic church at Emmett, and are strong in the faith of their fathers, and are rearing their children in the same belief.

**R**NUDT O. GEDSTAD. The story of the wonderful physical resources of America, of the opportunities afforded honest industry to gain a footing in business and society, has attracted hither many natives of the Scandanavian peninsula. They are found wielding the implements of the trades, opening up unsettled regions and bringing the farm lands into high cultivation. Lincoln county is not without her share of these men, and it affords us pleasure to give in a few brief paragraphs a record of the life of one of them who is now a resident of section 34, Grant township.

The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch was born in Norway, and came with his parents to America, locating with them at Houston, Minn., where they made their home for six years. In 1873 the family moved to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., the father and sons taking up a section of government land. Knudt entered the quarter section on which he now lives and devoted his time to the improvement of his claim. There is now no better equipped nor more desirable farm in the township than his, on which he has erected a complete and commodious set of barn buildings and a good, substantial dwelling, in which he and his family are living a happy life.

Ole A. Gedstad, the venerable father of our subject, is an old settler of Lincoln county, where he still continues to make his

home. He was born in Christiana county, Norway, where he grew to manhood and was married to Miss Tilda Gryte. To them were born the following children: Alex, a resident of Washington; Knudt O.; Ole, of Grant township; Kittle, who follows his trade of blacksmith in the village of Lennox, S. Dak.; Sena, wife of O. H. Lier; Hattie, who married Lewis Larson; and Edwin, who still lives with the old folks on the homestead.

Mr. Knudt O. Gedstad, in 1876, was married to Miss Carrie Larsen, a young lady who has been a resident of the county since 1873. Their home life is bright and filled with comfort, their household being completed by six children, viz.: Thea, Bertha, Oscar, Theodore, Arthur and Kilmer. All the family are members of the Lutheran church, and in political issues Mr. Gedstad gives his allegiance to the Republican party. He is classed among the most desirable citizens of his locality, and has done good service as supervisor and assessor of Grant township, and also as clerk of his school district.

**C**ARL CARLSON, a representative Scandinavian farmer, who is living in section 25 of Germantown township, Turner county, is a native of Sweden, and was born October 16, 1836. He was educated in the excellent common schools of his native land, and there passed his boyhood and grew to maturity. He decided to come to America, and, accordingly, in 1869, emigrated to the United States, going direct to Wilson county, Kans., where he remained until 1876, when he arrived in Turner county, S. Dak. He en-



tered 160 acres, where he now lives, as a homestead at that time. He has been successful in his farming operations, and owns, in addition to his original farm, 160 acres of good land in section 24. All the improvements on his place are the result of his own labor. He started with none too much of this world's goods, but by thrift, economy and strict attention to his business duties, he has acquired a competence and is now fairly well-to-do. He devotes his time to general farming and stock raising. Politically he is a Republican, and is also a member of the board of school directors.

Mr. Carlson was married in 1867, in his native land, to Miss Mary Olson, and they are the parents of eight children, viz.: Hannah, now the wife of Dick Heidland; Ida, wife of Dick De Nuy; Conrad, Alma, Ludwig, Eddie, Huldah, and Albeda. Both he and wife are devout Christians and members of the Baptist church.

**F**RANK M. BAILEY, the editor of the Clay County Freeman, though he has only been a resident of Vermillion since March, 1896, has, nevertheless, conducted himself in such a manner as to gain the confidence of the entire community, and during his short period of life here has made many warm friends and a host of acquaintances.

He was born in Boscobel, Wis., October 11, 1869. His father, Dr. Charles S. K. Bailey, was a graduate of the Baltimore and Philadelphia Medical Colleges, and also of the University of New York, and he practiced for many years in Boscobel. During the war he was an examining surgeon at Woodman, Wis., and in 1871 he removed

to Colorado for his health, later to San Francisco, and in the latter city he passed away, his death occurring in September, 1876. He married Mrs. Eleanor O. Jackson, *née* Woolley, a native of Watertown, N. Y., and to them were born three children—Effie L., Frank M. and Myrtle F. The mother of our subject still survives.

Frank M. when he was three years of age was adopted by an English family by the name of Hoskin, then residing in Lancaster, Wis., and with his foster parents he lived some nine years. At the expiration of that time, his mother having re-married, he went to live with her for two years, and then he started out for himself. The first summer he found employment on a ferry boat at Specht's Ferry, Iowa, and in the spring of 1884 he went to Rock county, Minn., putting in the season at farm labor. In November of the same year he entered the printing establishment publishing the Beaver Creek Graphic as "devil" and there learned the printer's trade. After two years of service he secured a position on the Valley Springs Enterprise, published at Valley Springs, S. Dak., but he only remained with this paper until September, 1888, when he returned to Rock county, Minn., and was employed in the office of the Rock County News, published at Luverne. He remained on the staff of the latter paper until August, 1893, and during that period he established The Western Literary Journal, but this he only operated about a year, after which he abandoned the enterprise, and went to Hills, Minn., where he established the Hills Crescent. That paper he continued until March, 1896, at which time, as stated above, he came to Vermillion. He owns the Clay County

Freeman, which he purchased on arrival, and is its editor-in-chief.

Mr. Bailey was married at Beaver Creek, Minn., May 9, 1891, to Miss Ella G. Blodgett, a daughter of E. G. and M. J. Blodgett, of Luverne. Mrs. Bailey was born in Fillmore county, Minn., January 8, 1871, and by her marriage to our subject they have become the happy parents of two sons, Donald C. I. and Harold L.

Mr. Bailey is a distant relative on his father's side of the late A. T. Stewart, of New York, and a direct descendant of Anneka Jans, of Trinity church fame in New York. On his mother's side he traces his ancestry to Napoleon Bonaparte. Mr. Bailey is quite well-known as an author of short stories under the nom de plume Col. Billie Maurice, and he is the present poet Laureate of Minnesota, the office to which he was elected in February, 1896, having been created for him by the Minnesota Editorial association. Mr. Bailey was also identified with the militia of Minnesota for some time. He was mustered into company H, Third regiment, Minnesota national guards, was transferred to company H, Second regiment, and commissioned second lieutenant September 3, 1892. His honorable discharge, which was had at his own request, is dated January 9, 1894.

NS J. LEHNE, a public-spirited and enterprising member of the farming community of Union county, has devoted the greater part of his life to agriculture, in the pursuit of which he has been very fortunate, and is the proprietor of as good a farm as can be found within the limits of Spink township,

his homestead being located there in section 32.

Mr. Lehne was born in the southern part of Norway, November 26, 1843, and grew to maturity in his native land on a farm, receiving his education in the excellent common schools the neighborhood afforded, and finishing with a special course of study in a private institution of learning. After he had attained the age of twenty-five years he came to America, landing at Sioux City, Iowa, June 29, 1869. He engaged in steam-boating on the Missouri river between the latter city and Fort Benton, which he continued until 1873, and that year located on his present farm. On the prairie he erected a house 12 x 16 feet, which at that time was about the best structure of the kind between his claim and the city of Elk Point, and started in to break up and improve his future home. He now has 160 acres under cultivation, nicely fenced, and on this he conducts a general farming business. All the present improvements he has made himself, and among the buildings which he has erected is a fine residence, with square mansard roof, constructed in 1891. It is substantial, commodious and well built, and a glance at it and the out-buildings with which the farm abounds will show the thrift and enterprise of the owner. Mr. Lehne is a man of more than ordinary intelligence, with enlightened views on various subjects, and brains and business tact, combined with steady industry, have brought him to the front. His fellow-citizens, recognizing his ability and superior business qualifications for civic life, have repeatedly called on him to accept positions of responsibility, but, although he has taken an active part and interest in local politics, and has

frequently been a delegate to county and state conventions of the Republican party, with which he affiliates, he has always refused nomination for any office except that of assessor; he is the present incumbent of that position, and has served in that capacity for the past fourteen years. He strongly and unwaveringly supports the principles of his party, and is a model citizen.

The subject of this brief biographical notice has been twice married. His first wife he was married to in 1873. Her maiden name was Miss Anna Kindlie, and she was a native of Norway. This union was productive of a family of five children, four of whom are living, viz.: Alice Bertha Maria, Laura Melia Maximelia, Jorgon Julius and Ole. After the death of Mrs. Lehne, he subsequently married Mary Kindlie, a sister of his first wife, who was also born in Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Lehne are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church of Emmett, in which he serves as secretary, and also is a director in the parochial school connected with that church. He has been a member of the local school board for at least eighteen years, and, believing in the maxim that "knowledge is power," follows it by giving his children every advantage for good educations.

**WILLIAM FITZGERALD.** Among the men who are conducting the farming interests of Lincoln county are many old soldiers who helped save the Union in the late war. Our subject occupies an honorable place as one of this class, and the farm on section 3 of Perry township, compares favorably with others in its vicinity.

Mr. Fitzgerald was born in Wayne county, N. Y., in 1845, and when a lad, with his parents located in Greene county, Wis., where he passed the boyhood days and in the common-schools of his district, acquired the rudiments of an education. He was one of a family of thirteen children born to Michael and Ellen (Corcoran) Fitzgerald, both the latter being natives of Ireland and born near the city of Dublin, where they grew to mature years and were married. They came at once to America after this event and settled in Wayne county, N. Y., where the husband and father was engaged in railroad contracting, assisting in the construction of some of the first railways in this country. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, we note the following: Maurice, served in the Civil war, and during an engagement at Mobile, Ala., was wounded, from the effects of which he died in 1866, he left two sons and one daughter, all residing in Philadelphia; Elizabeth, married Alfred Clark, of Monroe, Wis.; Ellen, married George Degroth, of Whitewater, Wis.; Stephen also served in the late war and now lives in Butler county, Iowa; Mary, is the wife of Washington Lenhart, of Minneapolis; Michael lives in North Dakota; Sylvia resides at Lake Geneva, Wis.; and the balance of the family died in infancy.

Our subject was the fourth child in the order of their birth and was just in the opening years of a vigorous manhood when the war broke out. In 1862 he offered his services to his country and enlisted in the Twenty-eighth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, which regiment was transferred to the front and attached to the western army. Mr. Fitzgerald served under Gen. Banks in the Red river campaign, participated in the en-

gagements at Helena, Pine Bluff and other small battles in Arkansas and vicinity, and fought in his last engagement at Spanish Fort, Ala. In 1865 he was mustered out with an honorable discharge and immediately returned to his home in Wisconsin to follow the occupation of a farmer. Shortly after, however, he removed to Butler county, Iowa, and while attending to his duties as an agriculturist found time to woo and win Miss Sarah, a daughter of Winfield and Elmira (Calkins) Sutherland, both natives of Genesee county, N. Y. With his young wife, in 1877, Mr. Fitzgerald took up his residence in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., where he now owns a half section of land. He cleared the ground, turned the first furrows thereon, planted crops and in the course of time fertile fields were yielding abundant harvests. In 1878 his labor was expended for the benefit of the grasshoppers, and all the hardships and privations that settlers in the county experienced fell equally hard on the shoulders of our subject. It will thus be seen that Mr. Fitzgerald had his share of adversity; but he was a hardworker and an industrious man, and has met, by perseverance at his labor, with unqualified success in his business as a farmer. He belongs to the G. A. R., and in the companionship of his comrades lives over again the excitement and trying experiences of war times. In his political views he is a decided Republican, and has been ever since he became a voter. Mrs. Fitzgerald is a member of the Woman's Relief corps.

The family of the gentleman of whom this sketch is written consists of Albert M., Earl W., Fred, Nellie, George D. and Sylvia M. Earl W. was the first male child born in Perry township.

**R**JANSSEN, one of Turner county's old settlers engaged in the pursuit of agriculture in sections 25 and 30 Germantown township, was born in Germany, February 24, 1847. He received a good education, which is the birthright of every child of the Fatherland, and worked on the farm until he was eighteen years of age. He emigrated to America in 1868, and sought in the new country the fortune he could not reach in the land of his nativity. He located first in Stephenson county, Ill., where he found employment on farms, working by the month, and for his labor received \$22 per month. At this work he continued for three years, during which time he managed to save up quite a little money, and then he rented a farm near Foreston, Ill., which he conducted for a year. At the expiration of that time he located in Butler county, Iowa, where he rented land and engaged in farming for seven years. The territory of Dakota in 1878 was being rapidly populated by thrifty, pioneer farmers, and our subject was one of them. He located in that year on what is now section 27, Germantown township, Turner county homesteading 160 acres, which he started in to break up and improve. He proved up and then sold out for \$5,100, afterwards purchasing 184 acres in sections 25 and 30 where he at present resides. He started out in the battle of life empty handed to work by the month, but he accumulated as he progressed without scattering, and by hard work, thrift and economy has gained a competence and is now fairly well-to-do.

Mr. Janssen was married December 25, 1873, to Miss Hilke Miller, a native of Germany, and they are the parents of six children, viz.: Bruno, Dana, deceased, Lizzie,

Rekee, Jacob and Stena. Mrs. Janssen died in 1892, and our subject subsequently married Geeske Wolhuis, by whom he has one son, Herman. Politically he is a Republican and a staunch supporter of that party's principles.

**H**ON. FRANKLIN TAYLOR, an honored and early settler and a representative of the better class of agriculturists of Clay county, in Fairview township, of which he has an elegant farm of 320 acres, is a native of North Carolina, and was born in Surry county, August 3, 1827. His father and mother, Benjamin and Margaret Taylor, were both born in Currituck county of the same state. After their marriage they settled in what is now Davie county and there both passed to the world beyond, Mr. Taylor in 1837, and his good wife in 1848.

Our subject was reared in Davie county, N. C., on a farm, and continued to make his home there until June, 1853, at which time he went to Mercer county, Mo., remained there during the following winter, and then in the spring of 1854 went to Decatur county, Iowa. In this latter place he operated a farm until the spring of 1858, then went to North Bend, Dixon Co., Neb., and in July, 1859, crossed the river into what is now Clay county, S. Dak. He took up a claim in Fairview township about three-quarters of a mile from where he now lives, and on this property he settled and remained until 1870, at which time he removed to his present location in section 21. As stated above his estate consists of 320 acres, and since coming to Dakota farming and agricult-

ural pursuits have always received the most of his attention.

Mr. Taylor was married in Fairview township, May 25, 1870, to Mrs. Martha G. Warner, the widow of Charles S. Warner. Mrs. Taylor was born in Davie county, N. C., January 22, 1834, and is a daughter of Lamb and Margaret (Cornell) Taylor, the former a native of Currituck county, N. C., and the latter from Maryland. They came to Clay county during the early sixties and settled in this township, where they both subsequently died. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are the parents of one daughter, Margaret E. who is now the wife of William A. Ufford.

Mr. Taylor served in the territorial legislature for five sessions, and during the early days of the territory was appointed register of deeds of Clay county by the governor. He was also appointed by the county commissioners, before the county had been divided in school districts, county superintendent, and under his direction at that time the settled portions of the county were laid out into school districts and supplied with teachers. He has always given much attention to educational matters, and during latter years took an active part in promoting and pushing to completion the University of South Dakota. He and Capt. Nelson Miner selected the spot where that old historic "first school house in Dakota" was erected. Mr. Taylor also served three years in the office of county commissioner, and when Dakota was a territory was appointed by Judge Williston as clerk of the first judicial district court. He is a Democrat in politics and has always affiliated with that party since attaining his majority. As an old settler he has seen the wonderful devel-

opment of the country, from a vast wilderness to its present prosperous condition, and himself took an active part in its upbuilding and advancement. As he is well-known throughout the community and highly respected and esteemed, it is with pleasure that we are able to present to the readers of this volume a brief sketch of his life.

**T**HOMAS RONAN owns and occupies one of the valuable farms of Spink township, his estate comprising 320 acres of as fine land as can be found in Union county. Even in the vicinity where good farm buildings are the rule and modern conveniences abound, there are few places that in these regards equal the one mentioned. The dwelling is a commodious and beautiful one, pleasing in architectural design, built with a view to the comforts of the inmates, and furnished in a manner in keeping with their means and tastes. The barn is also large and fine, and every arrangement that will conduce to the conveniences with which the farm and household economy is carried on, may be found upon this estate. The property is divided into two farms of 160 acres each, and there is a complete set of buildings on both.

Mr. Ronan is a native of county Waterford, Ireland, and was born November 10, 1836. He came to America when seventeen years of age, landing at New York city, where he stayed for a short time and then removed to Yonkers, of the same state. Later he took up his residence on a farm near London, Canada, where he worked for a period of two years, and then bought a farm for himself in Door county, Wis. The land was heavily timbered and he cleared

up sixty acres of it and then sold out and came to Union county, Dak. Ter. That was in 1870, and he then settled on his present farm. It was nothing but wild prairie land then, and the country for miles around looked like a wilderness. His little frame house, which he constructed for shelter, was the first in his immediate locality, and in this he continued to live until 1893, when he finished and moved into his present fine residence. All the improvements on the farm he resides on, as well as his other piece of property, which lies just to the north of his original claim, are the result of his labor. The property is all nicely fenced and 200 acres of the entire farm are under cultivation. Mr. Ronan is exclusively a farmer now, though in 1880 he opened a general store on his farm, which he operated for six years. He started the postoffice of Emmett, which was located in his store, and served as postmaster for nine years. He built the first bridges ever constructed over Blue creek, went through the grasshopper times, and, in fact, has endured all the hardships incident to the development of a new country, although he was in comparatively fair circumstances when he came to the county. He helped organize the school board of the district wherein he resides and has been a member of that body. Politically he has always been a Democrat and has taken an active interest in all local politics. He served as county commissioner from 1881 to '84, and filled a second term from 1890 to '93, being chairman of same part of the time. He has also been a candidate for the legislature from his district, and also the office of sheriff.

An important event in the life of Mr. Ronan occurred in 1859, when he was uni-

ted in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Catherine Mulvahill, a native of county Limerick, Ireland. This union has been blessed to them by the birth of nine children, seven of whom are living, viz.: William, James, John, Thomas, who married Miss Nellie Jennings; Richard, who married Miss Mary O'Connor; Morris and Mary. The family are all members of St. Joseph church, of Prairie township, in which Mr. Ronan has been an officer. He is at present a member of the building committee, who have in charge the construction of the new church edifice. He has always been identified with this place of worship, in fact he hauled the first load of lumber used in building the original St. Joseph Catholic church.

**H**ON. JOHN TUCKER. Prominent among the well-known gentlemen engaged in the pursuit of agriculture in Civil Bend township, Union county, is the subject of this sketch. His father, Thomas Tucker, was a native of Devonshire, England, born in 1790, and his father, William Tucker, was also born, reared and died there. Our subject's mother, Mary Ann (Brown) Tucker, was born in 1803, in Devonshire, a daughter of Thomas Brown, who was also born, reared and died there. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tucker were members of the Congregational church, formerly of the Church of England, and were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom grew to maturity, viz.: William, deceased, was the father of thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to man and womanhood; Thomas, who lives in England, has two daughters; Richard, lives in Somerset, England, has no chil-

dren; John, the subject of this sketch; Betsey, wife of Peter Tucker, lives in Devonshire, England, and is the mother of seven children; Mary Ann; Peter, of Devonshire, is the father of eight children; and Daniel, also of Devonshire, is the parent of twelve children.

John, our subject, was born July 13, 1835, in Devonshire, England, and was raised to manhood on the home farm, receiving in the common schools a practical education. December 4, 1854, he enlisted for a term of twelve years in the famous "Royal Marine Light Infantry." Beginning service at Plymouth, England, he embarked, August 27, 1855, from that point on board H. M. S. "Alarm," detailed to the Pacific station. They visited the Madeira islands, and from there the vessel sailed for Rio Janeiro for provisions and water, visited the Falkland islands to assist in inaugurating a governor there, and after a tempestuous voyage around Cape Horn arrived at Valparaiso, Chili, the trip consuming one hundred and nine days from England. He was then assigned to the flagship "Monarch," Admiral Bruce, commanding, called at Callao, Peru, and was there transferred to the storeship "Naiad," being assigned to the duties of quartermaster, and remained thereon during the Peruvian revolution. He was then transferred again to the "Monarch," which made a trip to Valparaiso, thence to Juan Fernandez isle and back to Valparaiso, leaving there in January, 1858, for England. The ship reached home after a voyage of one hundred and eight days, and our subject was then given a leave of absence for six weeks. At the expiration of that time he went to Plymouth and purchased his discharge at his mother's request, and then



joined the county police. However, he soon gave up his position on the police force and secured employment in a sugar refinery at Plymouth, later on joining as a volunteer H. M. S. "St. George," on which the young Duke of Edinburg was a "middy." The vessel anchored off Osborne, England, and was there inspected by Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, in person, and the royal family, and then proceeded to Barbadoes islands, West Indies, where she arrived in February, 1861, and spent the next four months in cruising among the islands of the neighborhood. From there she sailed for Halifax, Nova Scotia, visiting Prince Edwards island, and in November, 1861, hoisted anchor and spread sail for Jamaica. About this time the "Trent affair" occurred; the new government of Mexico, having repudiated the debts of the old government, the bond-holders appealed to their respective governments, and England and France combined to make a demonstration against Mexico, Spain having already sent a force for that purpose. The "St. George" was among the vessels rendezvoused off Cape Antonio, West Indies, and early in January, 1862, sailed for Vera Cruz. They found the Spanish already in possession, and the French there agreed to pay the debts and assume the war indemnity, and the anticipated excitement was allayed. News of the death of the prince consort reached the ship about this time, and she at once proceeded to England. On arrival Mr. Tucker was discharged at his own request and took up farming in Devonshire, but on learning that land could be obtained on favorable terms in America, he decided to come to the new world. He accordingly sold his property in England for \$750 in gold, and April

9, 1877, embarked from Liverpool for America, arriving April 21, at Boston. He proceeded direct to Sioux City, Iowa, thence to Dakota territory, and pre-empted a claim in Prairie township, Union county, on which he remained two years, proved up, and then sold out. March, 1874, he came to Civil Bend township and bought some timber land, paying \$45 per acre, and he has lived here for the last twenty-two years, carrying on farming and the wood business. He is now the owner of 200 acres, and all the improvements he has made himself. He is a member of the Seventh Day Adventists, the Sunday-school of which he has been superintendent, and has always taken an active interest in all religious matters. He was for seven years clerk of the school district, and is now in his thirteenth year of service as school treasurer. Politically he is a Republican, liberal in his views, and has advanced ideas on all current topics. He has been assessor of Civil Bend township for fourteen years, and in 1877 was elected to the territorial legislature, serving one term.

Mr. Tucker was married in England, while a member of the county police force, November 29, 1858, to Mary Ann Hayward, of Exeter, England. This young lady was a daughter of William and Fannie (Shipman) Hayward, both natives of Devonshire and the parents of four children, Mrs. Tucker being the eldest, and then in the order of their birth: Elizabeth Jane Stevens, who now resides in Normana, Tex.; Mrs. Eliza Smith, of England, who is the mother of five children; and Mrs. Emma Copley, who resides in Devonshire and has seven children. Mrs. Tucker was born May 9, 1836, and she and her husband have had



a family of ten children, seven of whom are living, viz.: Katie, Charles, Albert, Ernest, Arthur John, Edgar and Frederick. One son, Thomas, was drowned in the Missouri river when fourteen years old.

**J**OHAN T. BONES, residing in section 23, Brothersfield township, has long been prominent among the substantial and influential farmers and land owners of Turner county. He was born August 8, 1853, near the Mohawk river in the state of New York, of Irish-English parentage.

His father, William Bones, is a native of Ireland. Having married in England, he came to America about the year 1846, and engaged in the business of peddler in the state of New York. In 1865 he removed to Sibley county, Minn., where he is now a prosperous farmer. The mother of the subject of this review was Elizabeth Aldersee, a native of England. After her marriage she came to America with her husband and died in 1859, when our subject was but six years of age. Of this marriage there were three children, all sons, named as follows: William H., John T., and George E.

After the death of Elizabeth (Aldersee) Bones, William Bones married Martha Holland, a native of England. She died in 1889. Of this marriage were born one son, James H., and one daughter, Mary, now the wife of Benjamin Young, of Ottertail county, Minn.

John T. Bones is the second child of his father's first marriage. At the age of two years, with his father's family he was removed from his native state to Dodge coun-

ty, Wis., where eleven years of his life were spent, after which the family again removed west to Sibley county, Minn., where he remained until his twenty-third year. Then, in 1876, he located in Yankton county, Dak. Ter., and engaged in the business of teaming to the Black Hills. In 1878 he removed to Turner county and took up 160 acres of land and located upon it, and still owns the tract. From this farm he removed to his present home on a farm located by his wife before their marriage. In addition to the tracts above mentioned, our subject owns 160 acres in Home township and 240 in Brothersfield township, making in the aggregate 720 acres owned by himself and wife.

On November 26, 1879, Mr. Bones was married to Miss Mary Wagner, a native of Minnesota, and daughter of Simon Wagner of Sibley county, Minn.

Of this marriage five children were born, in the order following: Harry, Victoria, Walter, Frederick, Isabel. These children were all born in Turner county, and are all at home with their parents at date of this sketch.

Mr. Bones has always been a staunch Republican in politics, and has taken an active interest in local political affairs. For many years he has held the office of clerk of the school district, and is closely connected with the educational interests of his locality, and is regarded as a man to be entrusted with matters so important and so difficult as those in relation to the public schools.

Mr. Bones holds membership in good standing in the following lodges: A. F. & A. M., Parker lodge No. 36; M. W. A., and A. O. U. W., No. 2, Parker. He enjoys to a high degree the esteem and confi-

dence of his neighbors and fellow citizens, and is deserving of a prominent place in the history of Turner county.

**C**HARLES CHAUSSEE, JR. This gentleman is one of the enterprising and substantial citizens of Fairview township, Clay county, where in he is devoting his time and attention to the cultivation of 320 acres of as fine farming land as is to be found in the county, located in section 15. He is a son of Charles and Zoway (Lauderman) Chaussee, who came with their family to Clay county in 1861, and settled in Fairview township, where they still make their home.

Our subject first saw the light of day in Montreal, Canada, April 15, 1845, and about eighteen months later his parents took him with them to the "States" and settled in Dubuque county, Iowa, where he was educated and lived until 1861. He continued to be a member of the parental household after the family removed to Dakota until he took a most important step in his career, his marriage in Vermillion, May 10, 1868, after which with his young bride he settled on the farm whereon he now lives. Mrs. Chaussee was known in her girlhood as Miss Lucinda J. Shriner, a daughter of William and Patience Shriner, and was born in Belmont county, Ohio, October 19, 1848. Mrs. Shriner died in Barnesville, Ohio, in 1852, and her husband still survives and makes his home in Vermillion. Mr. and Mrs. Chaussee are the parents of six children, viz.: Mary E., now Mrs. Eldon Dimick; Rose E., the wife of George Waterman; Frederick, William J. and Flora E. Edward, the other child, died in infancy.

Although Mr. Chaussee has been engaged exclusively in farming since coming to Dakota, he has nevertheless taken quite a degree of interest in local matters like all good citizens should. He has held some of the school offices and is a staunch friend of education.

**E**DWARD FITZGERALD is successfully engaged in business as a grain grower and stock raiser and shipper, and his farm in Spink township, Union county, as well as the one in Prairie township, are classed among the most desirable pieces of property in that part of the county. He was born in county Kerry, Ireland, June 20, 1846, and was eleven years of age when he emigrated with his parents to the new world. They settled in Jo Daviess county, Ill., and in the city of Galena, Edward grew to manhood, receiving a practical education.

Our subject began life for himself at the age of seventeen years as assistant on a farm, and for three years he continued in this capacity. At the age of twenty he began the business of rafting on the Mississippi and Black rivers, which he followed for another three years, and at the expiration of that time secured employment in a saw mill on the Sinsinnawa river. In 1870 he made his first trip to Dakota territory, driving cattle for a Mrs. Fleig. He finally arrived at Vermillion and later at the claim of Mrs. Fleig's husband, where he left the cattle and then came back to Vermillion. After entering a homestead, which now constitutes a part of his present farm, he went back to Galena to harvest, and in the fall returned again to Dakota, traveling most of the way on foot,

and locating on his claim. The cottonwood boards out of which he built a little house, warped like a bow, but they were all he could get and had to be used. During the winter months he lived in the cellar under his shanty, and then in the spring put in a crop. He is now the owner of 640 acres, 600 of which are under a fine state of cultivation. The home farm consists of 400 acres and the balance of the property is located in Prairie township. All the improvements on both farms, including two complete sets of buildings he has put there himself. Besides tilling the soil Mr. Fitzgerald is also engaged in buying and selling live stock, and for the past five years has fed from sixty to one hundred head of cattle during the winter months. He has depended solely upon his own labor, and being a good manager and financier, carefully considering his expenditures as well as receipts, has accordingly prospered. He saw some pretty hard times, both as a boy and during his maturer years; but those times are past and he is now classed as one of the successful and enterprising agriculturists of the county. As a voter he uses his elective franchise independently, casting his ballot for the best man. He has served as a member of the local school board for a period of eight years, and takes quite a degree of interest in educational matters.

Mr. Fitzgerald has had the womanly assistance of a thoroughly competent and energetic wife in the accumulation of his property. They were wedded in 1872, and to their happy married life eleven children have come, ten of whom are living, viz.: Mary, James; Catherine, wife of Thomas Naughton, of Brule township; Margaret, Julia, William, Dennis, Delia, John and Ellen.

One son, Edward, the first born, is dead. All the children are being given the advantages of a good schooling, and Miss Mary is now a teacher of this county. Mrs. Fitzgerald's maiden name was Julia Jordan, and she is a daughter of Andrew Jordan, of Prairie township. Mr. Fitzgerald says: "She was the first single young lady that came into this settlement, and I got her, and have never been sorry of the venture." The editor joins in a wish that he may never be tired of the bargain, and that their lives as happy man and wife may extend over many, many years to come. Mrs. Fitzgerald received an excellent training in housework and is a good housekeeper, making the home cozy and comfortable for its inmates. The family are members of St. Joseph Catholic church of Prairie township, and Mr. Fitzgerald has been secretary of the same for some time.

**H**OWARD MOSIER, who resides in section 19, Civil Bend township, is one of the leading agriculturists and stock raisers, and also one of the prominent citizens of the southern part of Union county. He is a native of southwestern Missouri, born April 5, 1842, and a son of Daniel and Elizabeth Mosier.

Howard was raised on a farm in Iowa, his father having moved to Jasper county, that state, about 1846, being one of the first settlers in that region, and in the common schools of the district received a practical education. He served in the Civil war and saw much of the exposure and privation incident to that period. His enlistment dates from July 15, 1861, when he became a private in company B, Fifth Iowa regiment, infantry, and was mustered into

the service of the United States at Burlington, Iowa. From Burlington the regiment was transferred to Keokuk, Iowa, and from there took a boat down the Mississippi river to St. Louis, thence to Jefferson City, Mo., and later to Booneville, same state, where they were attached to Fremont's battalion, and then ordered to Springfield. From the latter city they returned to Booneville under Gen. Hunter's command, for winter quarters. In the spring the regiment went to St. Louis, and shortly afterward participated in the siege of New Madrid, at which time 5,000 prisoners were captured, and then to Cairo, Ill., where they were mustered into Buell's army and marched to re-inforce Gen Grant at Shiloh. Mr. Mosier participated with his company in the siege of Corinth and the battles of Iuka and Corinth, and was present when the latter city was taken after the siege. He became ill while on duty, and was sent to the hospital at Jackson, Tenn., where he recovered. After he got well he was detailed as cook in the Webster hospital in Memphis, Tenn., and he served in this position until the expiration of his term. He was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, July 18, 1864, after three years and three days of service, during which time he was never wounded nor captured by the enemy.

When our subject returned home to Monroe, Iowa, he secured employment on farms in the vicinity, working by the month for a year and a half, and then rented a farm which he conducted for one season. In the fall of 1866 he came to Union county, Dak., and settled upon his present farm, trading a span of horses and a wagon for 160 acres, also filing a homestead claim. At that time Union county had but a scant

population, and the present thriving town of Elk Point was only a small trading station. He has seen the country pass by stages from a vast wilderness with grass from eight to ten feet high, to its present well-developed state, and has passed through the grasshopper scourge, several tremendous overflows of the Missouri river, in 1881, '86 and '88 which did much damage, and some terrible blizzards in winter. But Mr. Mosier applied himself industriously to his business; the hardships and discouragements he was compelled to endure did not dampen his spirits, and he has plodded vigorously and steadily onward. His present farm consists of 360 acres, one-third of which is under cultivation, and all the improvements on the property are the result of his labors. He makes a business of general farming and stock raising, and has some fine specimens of shorthorn cattle, of which he is a breeder.

Mr. Howard Mosier and Miss Laurinda Summy were married in 1868, two years after Mr. Mosier came to Dakota. They have no children. Politically he is a Republican and takes an active interest in the affairs of Union county. He has served as a member of the school board, and was also elected county commissioner for one term.

Daniel Mosier, the father of our subject, now resides in Mitchellville, Iowa. By his first wife he is the parent of six children, five of whom are yet living, viz.: Minerva Boots, who lives in Mitchellville, Iowa, no children; Harriet Sheeler, resides in Monroe, Iowa, ten children; Howard, the subject of this biography; Jane Heffelfinger, a resident of Monroe, Iowa, three children; and Adeline McBeth, who lives in Nebraska. Mr. Mosier subsequently married again, the result of which union has been two sons and





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three daughters, viz.: Margaret Fudge, residing in Monroe, Iowa, two children; Nancy Hughes, living in Nebraska; Ellen McBride resides in Union county, and has four children; George, who lives in Monroe, Iowa, has one child; and Ose, who makes his home in the state of Washington.

**H**ON. JOHN M. CLELAND. The gentleman whose name introduces this biography, and whose portrait appears on another page, was born in Scotland, June 19, 1840, and is a son of James and Mary (Wilson) Cleland. They were both natives of Scotland, where they were reared, and married April 21, 1837. About six years after that event happened, the couple, with their family, emigrated to this country, settled on a farm near White-water, Wis., and there they both passed to the shore from whence no traveler ever returns, his death occurring October 16, 1888, and his good wife's in 1893. They both had attained the advanced age of seventy-six years when called from time to eternity.

Of the family of five sons and five daughters born to this worthy couple, our subject was the second in order of birth, and the eldest son. He was three years old when his parents left the land of their nativity for the United States, and on his father's farm in the Badger state he was reared and grew to maturity. In Wisconsin he followed farming and for several years was engaged in the nursery business, up to the fall of 1868, at which time he came to Dakota territory and took up a claim in Spirit Mound township, Clay county, it being a part of the estate on which he now lives. The following spring he settled on his claim and start-

ed in to improve the land, and, as he prospered, added to his original holding until his landed possessions now aggregate some 640 acres. Farming has been his chief business in life, and he has been eminently successful in the prosecution of his chosen occupation.

Mr. Cleland has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Amelia Brown, a native of Rock county, Wis. She died a few months after their wedding. Mr. Cleland married his present wife in Clay county, January 17, 1872. She bore the maiden name of Miss Parmelia Hixson, and was born in Jackson county, Iowa, April 1, 1855, a daughter of Nathan and Sophia (Hunter) Hixson. Mr. and Mrs. Hixson came to Clay county from the Hawkeye state in 1868, and settled in Spirit Mound township, where they both died, the former passing away in 1885 and Mrs. Hixson in 1893. They had a family of four sons and five daughters, and Mrs. Cleland was the sixth child. Mr. and Mrs. Cleland are the parents of nine children, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Mirtle James, Herbert Nathan, Elber Leroy, Mary May, William Robert, Walter Leslie, Latillie Maud, Orvilla Mebel and Ethel Luella.

Mr. Cleland has been an active participant in the public affairs of the community, has held various of the township offices, served as commissioner of Clay county, and in 1875 and '76 was elected a member of the territorial legislature, in the deliberations of which body he was quite prominent. Religiously he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and has served in various official capacities therein. His wife also holds membership in the church of that denomination.

HENRY L. FERRY, a representative American farmer and citizen of Fairview township, Clay county, was born in Burlington, Iowa, September 6, 1838. His father, Silas Ferry, was born in Luzerne county, Pa., and his mother, Flavia French, was a native of Massachusetts. After their marriage they settled in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., where he was engaged in lumbering at Olean Point until 1837, at which time he built a flat boat and with his family floated down the Allegheny river to Pittsburg, thence down the Ohio to Cairo, Ill., and from the latter point embarked on a steamer for Burlington, Iowa, arriving there in March, 1838. Mrs. Ferry died in Burlington in 1850, and six years later Mr. Ferry removed to Muscatine county of the same state, where, during the war, on account of some differences in political opinion, he was shot, and in consequence of the wounds thus received he died in 1862. He was the father of thirteen children, only six of whom grew to maturity.

Henry L. Ferry was the third child in order of birth. He made his home with his parents until his mother died and then stayed with his father until he was married, which event occurred in Cedar township, Muscatine county, March 27, 1861. Miss Mary Jane Reyburn being the bride. Shortly after the first gun of the great Civil war was fired, and September 9, 1861, our subject was enrolled as a member of company I, Eleventh Iowa regiment, infantry. He served nearly four years, a brave and courageous soldier, and took part with his regiment in the battle of Shiloh, both the siege and battle of Corinth, the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Kennesaw mountain, the

siege of Atlanta, on the campaign through the Carolinas, and was present at the grand review of the troops at Washington. He was also a participant in Sherman's famous "March to the Sea."

After receiving an honorable discharge at Davenport, Iowa, Mr. Ferry returned to his wife in Muscatine county, and there continued to live, engaging in farming, until the fall of 1867, at which time he came to Clay county, Dak. Ter., and took up a claim in section 12, of Fairview township. This property has since been his place of residence with the exception of four years, from 1873 to '77, which were spent in his old home in Muscatine county, Iowa. He has always followed agricultural pursuits, and is now the fortunate possessor of a fine farm of 320 broad and fertile acres.

Mrs. Ferry, the estimable lady who presides over the household affairs of our subject, was born in Armstrong county, Pa., March 22, 1835. Her father and mother, Callin and Mary (Callin) Reyburn, were natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively. After their marriage they settled in Armstrong county, Pa., afterward removed to Richland county, Ohio, and from there came to Muscatine county, Iowa. Of the ten children born to them, Mrs. Ferry was the fifth. Mr. Ferry and his wife are the parents of seven children, viz.: Henrietta, the wife of Emmett Chapman; Cora M., now Mrs. M. B. Hampton; Arthur V., Callin R., Orrin S., Lucius F., and Philip H.

Mr. Ferry has held various of the township offices and has also been a member of the board of county commissioners. Politically he is a Populist, and during the grange movement he organized some twenty different clubs in Union, Clay, Yankton and



Minnehaha counties. Socially he holds membership in Miner post No. 8, Grand Army of the Republic, and religiously belongs to the United Brethren church, his wife also being a member of this denomination. They are both active workers in the Master's vineyard.

ALICE C. RUNDELL, one of Turner county's plucky and enterprising farmers, who believes that "sticking everlastingly at it brings success," is a native of Iowa county, Wis., where his father, Samuel Rundell, still makes his home. He was born May 1, 1858, and was reared to maturity in his native place, gleaned an education much in the manner of farmer lads of his time, by attending the district schools during the cold months, and assisting his father on the farm when his services were required. Until he was twenty-four years of age he continued to make his home under the parental roof, at which time he rented land and started in to farm it on his own account, working in this manner for six years. In June, 1887, Mr. Rundell arrived in Dakota territory, and bought a farm in section 28 of Hurley township, which he broke up and improved, and also operated rented land for the first three years. In January, 1892, he sold out his interests in section 28, and bought the farm which now constitutes his estate, in section 16, settling on it with his family in the spring of the same year. The first year he broke 180 acres, which he sowed to flax, getting for his trouble seed enough to pay for the threshing of it, and the next year, of the 206 acres he had under cultivation, sowed to wheat and oats, he

got nothing, a disastrous hail-storm, which occurred July 5th, destroying the entire crop. During 1894 and '95 he had somewhat better success, and at the harvest just passed he garnered quite a good crop, getting fifty bushels of corn and oats per acre, sixteen bushels of wheat, and forty-five bushels of barley.

As stated above, Mr. Rundell is a man of great pluck and enterprise, and, although he suffered much from natural causes since coming here, besides losing many head of hogs, in the breeding of which he is also engaged quite extensively, in connection with his agricultural pursuits, he nevertheless does not lose heart, believing that such times and conditions can not always prevail. His farm of 320 acres was all wild when it came into his possession, but he was bred to the life of a farmer, and, being a young man, full of life, energy and ambition, he set bravely at the task before him, in consequence of which, his land is now under good cultivation, and he is rapidly regaining the losses which he suffered at the beginning of his career in Dakota. All the present buildings he has erected himself, and, in fact, all the improvements in the shape of fences, etc., are the result of his labor.

To the lady who presides over the household affairs our subject was united in marriage October 4, 1884. She bore the maiden name of Miss Nellie Hoskins, and first saw the light of day in Iowa county, Wis., where she passed her girlhood, grew to maturity, and was married. She is a daughter of Peter Hoskins, now deceased, but formerly one of the prominent men of that section of the Badger state. Mr. and Mrs. Rundell have been blessed in their

married life by the advent of five children: Clyde C., Harvey A., Ray, Leslie, and an infant on whom has been bestowed the name of Millie. Mr. Rundell is a member of the I. O. O. F. of Hurley, being vice grand master of the lodge, and, politically, he uses his elective franchise in the support of candidates of the Republican party.

**A**NDREW ERICKSON. One of the leading and well-to-do farmers of Brule township is the man whose name heads this sketch. He settled on the place where he now lives, in the spring of 1867, having the previous year entered 143 acres of land.

Mr. Erickson is a native of Norway, and was born January 12, 1841, a son of Erick and Mary (Haffland) Erickson. He lived in the land of his birth till 1857, when he was sixteen years old, acquiring in his native land a limited education in the common schools. He was accompanied to America by an uncle, Ole Netvik, on a sailing vessel which landed them at Quebec. From there they pushed west via Detroit and Chicago, and landed in Dane county, Wis., near the city of Madison. There he followed farming until he departed in 1859 for Arkansas and Mississippi, where he remained until the following year, when he again returned to Wisconsin.

In the fall of 1861 the subject of this biography, like many another gallant and courageous man, responded to the call of the country and enlisted in company B. Fifteenth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, a crack body of fighting men, composed entirely of Scandinavians, including officers; a braver lot of men never met and grappled

with a foe. After enlistment the regiment was transferred to the front, serving independently at first in Kentucky, and afterward was connected with the Third division, Fourth army corps. They spent a part of this time under Buell, and later under Rosser's command, and participated in the battles of Perryville, Ky., and also Stone river, fighting under Gen. Corlins. At Chickamauga the regiment was badly cut up. Then they were in the battles of Missionary Ridge and Chattanooga, after which they marched into eastern Tennessee and then mustered into Sherman's army in the Atlanta campaign, participating in many of the engagements of that campaign. Near Resaca, Ga., the regiment were in a desperate conflict, and lost very heavily. Mr. Erickson was discharged with the regiment at Chattanooga, the latter part of December, 1864, after which he went back to Wisconsin, and, in the spring of 1865, went on a raft to St. Louis, and spent some time there, later returning again to Dane county. In 1866 he came to Union county as above stated, entered his land, built a small log cabin, and started in improving his property. His uncle, who came to America with him, and was a soldier in the same regiment and company, was taken prisoner at Chickamauga, and placed in Andersonville prison, where he died. His cousin, John Johnson, who was also a private in company B, Fifteenth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, was wounded in the leg during the battle of Chickamauga, was taken prisoner, and died in the enemy's hands at Atlanta, Ga.

In 1865 Mr. Erickson was married at Madison, Wis., to Miss Julia Anderson, and they have had six children, three of whom are

living, viz.: Josephine, Edward and Carrie; the deceased being Maria, Julia and Carrie. The family are all members of the Lutheran church, and he is a member of Stephen A. Hulburt, post No. 9, G. A. R., at Elk Point. Our subject was a Republican in political faith until a few years ago, when he joined the Independent party.

**H**ON. W. E. HEEREN. The subject of this biography is an enterprising and thorough-going farmer and stock raiser, who has a fine farm in section 10, of Germantown township, Turner county. He is a native of the Prairie state, and was born October 17, 1850, in Stephenson county, Ill. He grew to manhood in his native county, attending the common schools for an education, and also spent one term at the German school. He remained at home assisting on the farm until he was twenty-four years of age, when he was married, March 24, 1875, to Miss Grace Van Oosterloo, also a native of Stephenson county, and a daughter of Michael and Margaret (Van Loh) Van Oosterloo, who were natives of Hanover, Germany. Mr. Heeren and his wife located on a farm of 160 acres in Stephenson county, where he engaged in general farming until 1890; that year he came to Turner county, S. Dak., and settled on a farm in Home township, where he remained for two and a half years, and then located on the farm where he now resides. He has a very fine piece of property of 640 acres, all in Germantown township, on which he built, in 1893, a nice residence, at a cost of \$1,500, and also has some good, substantially constructed outbuildings, together

with a grove of trees, which he planted himself. He devotes most of his time to general farming and stock raising, in which he has been eminently successful.

Mr. Heeren politically is a staunch Republican, and religiously he and wife are members of the Presbyterian church, in the Sunday-school of which he is a teacher. He has taken considerable interest in public matters, is now a justice of the peace and a member of the boards of supervisors and school directors. In the fall of 1896 he became the candidate of his party to represent Turner county in the state legislature, and was elected to that position by a handsome majority. Besides his public duties and farm affairs Mr. Heeren also takes an active part in conducting the Germantown Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance company, of which he is secretary. He and wife are the parents of an interesting family of eight children, six sons and two daughters, all of whom are unmarried and reside at home. They are: Jelle J., Michael G., John F., Daniel, Herman B., Margaret L., Tillie and William F.

The parents of our subject, Jelle and Tillie (Parks) Heeren were natives of Germany, both of whom emigrated to America when young. Mr. Heeren still resides with his good wife on the farm he first located on when he came to this country, in Stephenson county, Ill., fifty years ago.

**A**ARVER ROZELL, one of the industrious, thrifty and enterprising agriculturists of Union county, living on section 13, Civil Bend township, was born January 28, 1830, and is a son of Barzilla and Margaret (Stanford)

Rozell, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter born in Ohio. After their marriage they settled in Henry county, Ind., where the subject of this biography was born and where Mr. Rozell died; later Mrs. Rozell removed to Hancock county, Ind., and from there, after the Civil war was over, to Dallas county, Iowa, where she also died.

Carver was raised to manhood in his native county in Indiana, living on a farm until he was about fifteen years of age. His education consisted of what knowledge he acquired in the common schools of the district, which was sufficient for practical use. He spent fifteen years working in a sawmill in Indiana, and in 1857 came west to Polk county, Iowa. There he lived, and was married in 1860 to Mary J. Bell, a native of St. Louis, Mo., and daughter of Samuel Bell, of that city. After the wedding he rented a farm in Iowa which he conducted for six years, and then came to Union county, Dak. Ter., settling four miles south of his present location. This was in 1866, and the property he now owns he purchased a year later and has resided there ever since. The farm was improved with a log house and sixteen acres had been plowed. Mr. Rozell applied himself industriously to improving his future home, and now has 160 acres, ninety of which are under cultivation. He devotes his time to general farming, and, although he started here with comparatively nothing, by frugality and diligent application to his business has seen his property improve and has prospered accordingly. Mr. Rozell has been a member of the school board and politically affiliates with the Populist party, having formerly been a Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Rozell are the parents of seven children, four of whom are living, viz.:

Barzilla, Addie Remington, Ernest and Vernon. The deceased are Newton, Elmer and Bertha. Mrs. Rozell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a zealous worker in the cause of Christianity.

Mrs. Rozell's father, Samuel Bell, was a native of Pittsburg, Pa., and emigrated to Kentucky when a young man, locating at Lexington. There he married Miss Sarah Curtis, a native of that city, and to them four children were born. The family afterward located in St. Louis, where Mr. Bell followed his trade, that of blacksmith. His demise occurred several years ago in New Mexico. Mrs. Bell died in Iowa, her home having been in Polk county, of that state, for several years.

**J**ULIUS BRUYER, one of the thrifty and enterprising farmers of Fairview township, Clay county, was born in France. His father and mother, August and Josephine (Simon) Bruyer, were both natives of that country and emigrated to America about a year after our subject was born. They lived in Chicago a year after arrival, then until 1858 in Dubuque, Iowa, at which time they came to the territory of Dakota. The elder Bruyer took up a homestead in what is now Fairview township, Clay county, where he settled with his family, and there he still resides.

Of a family of five children born to this couple our subject was the third, and first opened his eyes to the light of day September 18, 1853. He was a member of the parental household until he was thirty-one years of age, at which time he was married to Miss Susanna Birgen, who was born in Sac county, Wis., June 26, 1864. Her

father and mother, Michael and Elizabeth (Decker) Birgen, are now residents of Chickasaw county, Iowa, and of their family of ten children, Mrs. Bruyer was the seventh in order of birth. The ceremony which united the lives of our subject and Miss Birgen was performed January 23, 1883, after which the young couple took up their domestic life on the farm where they now reside. The estate consists of 569 acres, all improved and under cultivation, and on this Mr. Bruyer is carrying on a general farming and stock-raising business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruyer are the parents of four sons, Philip M., Lawrence A., Elmer L., and Nicholas J., and the family are members of the Catholic church in Fairview township and regular attendants. Mr. Bruyer has held several of the township offices, is a popular man and is highly esteemed and respected by his many friends and acquaintances.

**O**LUF JOHNSON, the present treasurer of Union county, and one of the popular and widely-known young men of the southern part of the state, is a native of Norway, and was born in 1859, a son of John A. and Gertrude (Haaven) Olson. He received a good education, and remained with his parents till eighteen years of age, when he engaged in bridge building for Lynch & Desparois, railroad contractors, of Sioux City, by whom he was employed for two years. Mr. Johnson then returned to Dakota territory, where his parents lived, and accepted a position with C. W. Beggs, in whose general store at Elk Point he clerked for five years. Mr.

Beggs sold out to A. O. Ringsrud, and our subject remained with that gentleman a little over nine years, when he was elected to his present office of treasurer of the county. This was in 1894, and that he has discharged his duties since to the entire satisfaction of the people is evidenced by the fact that he was re-elected to that office in the fall of 1896. Mr. Johnson has a nice home in Elk Point, and outside his official duties he is also interested in farming land in Union county.

Mr. Johnson and Miss Mary Anderson were united in marriage in 1885, and they have been blessed with two children—Leonard J. and Milton E. Mrs. Johnson was one of a family of eight children and a daughter of Lars Anderson, a native of Norway, who emigrated to this country and settled in Wisconsin in 1858. In 1870 he, with wife and children, located in Union county, where the family still resides, Mr. Anderson having died in 1882.

A few words regarding Mr. Johnson's parents, who are also residents of Union county, will probably be of interest. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Olson were engaged in farming in the old country, and when they emigrated to this country with their four children they came direct to Dakota territory. Mr. Olson homesteaded 160 acres in Brule township at that time, which property he has brought from a wild piece of land to its present state of cultivation. He has improved it with some fine buildings, and is engaged in general farming. He has taken an active interest in school matters, and giving his children good, practical educations. The family are members of the Lutheran church, in which Mr. Olson has held various offices. He has been chorister

for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Olson were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom still survive.

**J**ACOB H. PACE, who is engaged in the pursuit of agriculture in Section 18, Civil Bend township, Union county, is a native of the "Hoosier state," having been born in 1845, in Delaware county, Ind. He is a son of Horatio and Jemima J. (Pendroy) Pace, who were among the early residents of that state. They were the parents of three sons, James M., Marion and Jacob H. Marion was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pace are now deceased.

Jacob was raised on a farm in Jasper county, Iowa. He had none of the common advantages for an education, and what knowledge he has acquired, has been through his own efforts. When he attained his majority he started out in the battle of life for himself, and in 1876 came to Union county, Dak. Ter., and settled where he now lives and has resided ever since. Five acres of his land had previously been "broke," and he started in to further develop his future home, keeping "bachelor's hall" and working during some of his time in a sawmill. Although he started out in life empty handed he was accustomed to hard work, and by frugality, industry and well-applied judgment, has succeeded, and his farm is now a fine piece of property, well-improved with a good residence and outbuildings. He owns 160 acres, 110 of which are under good cultivation, and does general farming exclusively, raising wheat, oats and corn. Mr. Pace is a Republican politically. He has been a member of the school board, but further

than this official capacity, has never cared to enter a race for office in the whirl-pool of politics.

Mr. Pace was married in 1878 to Eliza C. Green, a daughter of Robert R. and Nancy J. Green, who came to Union county with her parents in 1863. This union has been blest with five children, viz.: Jemima, Hulda, Aaron, Harry and Osa. Mrs. Pace, has, by her former husband, George Le Gro, one son, Robert E. Le Gro.

**H**OWARD CHENEY, a prosperous citizen of Germantown township, Turner county, is a native of Kane county, Ill., and was born October 2, 1857. He is a son of Alvin and Sarah (Murphy) Cheney, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter born on Nantucket island, Mass. Alvin Cheney passed his boyhood and obtained his education in his native state, where his parents died when he was quite young. He was a farmer by occupation and came to Illinois about 1857 with his wife and located on a farm in Kane county. From Kane county he went to De Kalb county, same state, where he purchased a farm and remained until 1883, and then with his wife came to live with their son, the subject of this biography. They are the parents of five children, viz.: Charles, who died when he was quite young; Walter, residing in Parker township, Turner county; William, living in De Kalb county, Ill.; Howard, our subject; and Jennie, the wife of George Bowen, of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Howard was but four years old when his parents moved to De Kalb county, Ill., and there he was reared and obtained his education in the common-schools and assisted his

father in the labor of the farm. In 1872 he went to Hinckley, Ill., where he remained until he came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., in 1879. He entered at that time 160 acres as a homestead, which up to the present time he has been constantly improving with good buildings, fences, etc., and now has a fine piece of property.

Mr. Cheney was married May 4, 1887, to Miss Minnie Costain, who died May 17, 1888, and he was subsequently united in wedlock to Della Larcom, the widow of James Allen, a native of Michigan. He has served as constable of Germantown township for two years, and in politics votes the Republican ticket. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian church at Parker.

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**D**ENNIS CAREY, well-known among the prominent and progressive agriculturists of Fairview township, Clay county, is a native of county Limerick, Ireland, born in November, 1833. When he was thirteen years of age his parents emigrated from the down-trodden country of their nativity to America, and after landing in New York city located in Hartford, Conn., to which place our subject accompanied them. A year later he went to Rutland county, Vt., where he found employment about twelve months on different railroads, then he spent two years in Rensselaer county, N. Y., and finally started from the Empire state west.

He first stopped in Illinois, where he secured employment on the railroads, then went to Harrison county, Iowa, and in February, 1868, he came to Clay county, Dak. Ter., and took up a claim of 160

acres in section 1, Fairview township, Clay county, the same whereon he now lives. This property he settled on the spring of the same year, and started in on his career as a farmer. He has prospered, as those who combine industry with sound judgment should, and has added to his estate another 160 acres, making 320 acres in all. Such buildings as are found on a well-regulated farm are to be seen on his property, including a comfortable dwelling in which he is passing the evening of his life with those of his children who still remain at home.

Mr. Carey was married in Sterling, Whiteside Co., Ill., in 1866, to Miss Han-nora McMann, and this union was blessed to them by the birth of eight children, viz.: Margaret, Ellen, Patrick, Catherine, James, Dennis, Mary Ann and Joseph. Mrs. Carey passed away in Fairview township, September 23, 1886, after twenty years of happy married life. She was, indeed, a true helpmate, a fond mother, and her death was a severe blow to her husband and the children who were thus left motherless.

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**J**OHAN R. CARLETON, the able and efficient editor and proprietor of the Beresford News is a native of Frankfort, Sussex Co., N. J. His parents were Dr. John W. and Jane (Rath-burn) Carleton, the former born in Dublin, Ireland, and the latter in New Jersey. After their marriage they settled temporarily in New Jersey, and later went to Pennsylvania and made a permanent home at Carbondale, Luzerne county. Dr. Carleton was a graduate of the Royal College of Dublin, the



New York College of Medicine, and also the New Jersey Medical university, and was one of the prominent medical practitioners of his day, as well as an expert surgeon. During the Civil war he served as surgeon in the hospital corps and was in charge of the Pennsylvania state troops. He and his wife were the parents of three children, of whom our subject was the eldest; Phœbe was the next in order of birth, and is now the wife of Richard Miller, of Pennsylvania; William, the youngest, resides in Italy.

John R. Carleton was born February 12, 1840, and was educated in the common schools at Carbondale, Pa., finishing his study with a course in the University of Montrose, Pa. His first initiation into the mysteries of the "art preservative of all arts" was when he was seventeen years of age, he at that time entering the office of the Carbondale Transcript. He served an apprenticeship of three years in this establishment, and then went to New York city, working on some of the principal morning papers, then edited there until the war broke out. His patriotic spirit was aroused, and, on offering his services to the government was accepted, and enlisted in the Ninth regiment, New York state militia for three-months' service. He did duty most of that time around Washington, D. C., and at the expiration of his term of service re-enlisted in the same regiment, company L. This regiment then joined the army of the Potomac and served principally in and around the Shenandoah valley. Our subject was discharged on a surgeon's certificate of disability in November, 1862, but two months afterward, January, 1863, he again enlisted, this time becoming a member of the Fifth Rhode Island regi-

ment, heavy artillery, company I. He was mustered in as first sergeant, and the battalion was then transferred to Newberne, N. C., on garrison duty until July, 1865. During this time Mr. Carleton acted as hospital steward during the yellow fever epidemic of 1864. After being discharged our subject went back to New York city, and there and in other states worked at his trade until 1876, when he settled in Osage, Iowa. On the Osage News he was employed for two years, and while residing there was united in marriage to the lady who has ever since presided over the affairs of his household with grace and dignity. She bore the maiden name of Miss Louise H. Wass, and is a native of Grundy county, Iowa. After their marriage, which occurred May 15, 1876, the young couple went to New Hampton, Iowa, where Mr. Carleton bought an interest in the New Hampton Courier. After six years spent in conducting that paper he sold out, and then removed to Beresford, establishing the Beresford News in August, 1883.

As the editor and proprietor of this paper he has made a grand success, and has built up an enviable reputation as an able journalist, espousing the doctrines and advocating the principles of the Republican party through its columns. He has conducted the enterprise on business methods, and in 1895 built a fine brick office and residence. He served as postmaster of Beresford under President Arthur's administration, and has been elected a justice of the peace, also holding a commission as notary public. He is one of the charter members of the Gen. G. M. Dodge post No. 69, G. A. R., and has at one time and another held all the offices in it. He is also an Odd Fellow and



belongs to Beresford lodge No. 130, of that order.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton's married life has been brightened by the birth of two children, one of whom, William, survives, the other child dying in infancy. Mrs. Carleton is a devout Christian and a member of the Congregational church.

**T**HEODORUS DAVIS, one of the well-to-do and enterprising farmers of the southern part of Union county, whose well improved farm is situated in section 5, of Civil Bend township, is a native of Macoupin, Co., Ills., and was born January 11, 1836. He is a son of Beden and Mary (Hodges) Davis, the latter a daughter of Seth Hodges, who at one time owned the land on which the city of Carrollton, Ills., now stands. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Illinois, and in 1836 went to Iowa, settling in Van Buren county, where they resided for seventeen years. From Iowa they went to Texas, where they spent one year, and then located near Galatin, Mo., in Daviess county. There Mrs. Davis passed away, and Mr. Davis subsequently came to live with his son, the subject of this sketch, in Dakota, where he also died in 1891. They were the parents of eleven children, six of whom are still living, viz.: Seth, Theodorus, Sarah Jane Griffith, Thomas, Beden and John.

Theodorus was raised a farmer, his father being engaged in that occupation, and remained with his parents until he attained his majority. In May, 1856, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Ann James, a native of Johnson county, Mo.,

where she was born April 3, 1837. She was a daughter of Jeremiah and Eliza (Turner) James, both natives of Tennessee, who settled in Johnson county, Mo., at a very early date, and one of a family of ten children, nine of whom are alive, viz.: Calvin, Rail, David, Miller, Alvis, Rachel Ray, Sarah Ann Davis, Berilla Barker, and Catherine Hale. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Davis continued to reside in Daviess county till the war, when Mr. Davis, and four of his brothers—Seth, Thomas, Beden, and William—enlisted, all of whom subsequently returned home when the war was over. Our subject became a member of company F, Col. Hale's regiment, Missouri militia, and was assigned to guard duty on the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad. He served till the expiration of his term in 1864, when he returned to Daviess county, Mo., and in October of the same year came with his family to Union county, Dak. Ter., locating on a homestead of 160 acres, where he still resides. When he arrived in Union county settlers were very scarce, and no improvements of any kind had yet been made. During the first seven years of his residence he saw some pretty hard times, the grasshoppers ruining his crops and destroying the fruits of his labor; but he was equal to the emergency and kept steadily on. Mr. Davis is engaged exclusively in general farming and stock raising, and owns, or has an interest in 590 acres of fine land. He has taken an active interest in the development of the locality, and heartily supports any measure which tends to result to the public good. Much of his time also has been given to school matters, and he has been treasurer of the school district for ten years. Polit-

ically he is a Republican, and cast his first vote for President Lincoln in Daviess county, Mo. He has never interested himself actively in politics, school positions and road overseer being the only public offices he ever held.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been blessed with a family of eleven children, eight of whom still survive, viz.: Eliza, the wife of S. Eslick, of Elk Point township; Thomas married Hattie Lilly and resides in Union county; George W. married Lizzie Eslick, and lives in Nebraska; Laura Belle, wife of Thomas Eslick, a resident of Union county; Jeremiah B. married Anna Cowell, and resides in Union county; Alpha O., wife of John Yusten, of Civil Bend township; Martha Ann, wife of William Will, resides in North Dakota; and Dorisa Ann, wife of Robert E. LeGro, lives in Union county.

**A**LBERT G. NEWBY, one of the most successful and prominent stock raisers and general farmers in Turner county, resides in section 8, Parker township, where he has a fine farm of 160 acres. He was born in Lee county, Iowa, March 27, 1851, and is the second child of I. H. and Catherine (Hoskins) Newby, who came to Iowa in 1853 and settled in Lee county. Mr. Newby was reared in his native county, where he lived till his marriage. This event occurred April 1, 1872, when he led to the altar Miss Esther P. Sperry, also a native of Lee county, Iowa, and the following year he came with his young wife to Turner county, Dak. Ter. He located in Finlay, what is now Parker township, entering 160 acres as a homestead, which he improved and

brought to a high state of cultivation. In 1893 he sold out and purchased the farm which he at present makes his home. He is located one mile north of the town of Parker, where he carries on a general farming and live stock business. He and his brother, I. H. Newby, who lives in Parker, are large shippers of stock, and during the winter they feed about 160 head of cattle and 175 head of hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Newby are the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters, viz.: Frank, Grace, Maurice, Fred, Jessie, Ray, Nellie and Katie. All the children reside at home, and were all born in Turner county, with the exception of the eldest, Frank. Mr. Newby is a member of the A. O. U. W. and the Farmers' Alliance. Politically he votes the Republican ticket, and religiously is a Baptist, both he and his wife being members of that denomination.

**S**IMON L. SOLOMON. This venerable old gentleman who makes his home in section 2, Fairview township, Clay county, was born in Somerset county, Penn., September 15, 1812. His parents, William and Hannah (Rhodes) Solomon, were natives of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively, and both died in Fayette county, of the latter state.

Of the eleven children born to them, Simon L. was the fourth. He was reared in his native place, and during his more mature years, worked at farm labor and other occupations as a means of livelihood. In 1851 he left the Keystone state for the west, and after living for short periods of time in various counties in Iowa, finally settled in

Muscatine county, of that state, where he continued to reside with his family until he came to Dakota territory, which was in the fall of 1868. He homesteaded 160 acres at that time in section 2, of Fairview township, and this property is still his home. Good improvements of a substantial order, have been made, and the estate is in excellent condition, both as regards cultivation and appearance.

Mr. Solomon was married in his native county, in Pennsylvania, April 10, 1842, to Miss Martha King, who was also born in Somerset county, March 7, 1823. Mrs. Solomon is the fourth child of a family of eleven children born to Lemuel L. and Mary (Prinkey) King, and by her union with our subject, has become the mother of six children, of whom we note as follows: Mary, Jonathan K., Lemuel K., Hannah A., the wife of David P. Melton, William M. and Simon W.

**S** CRUMRINE. Prominent among the residents of Brule township who are engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He has lived in Union county since July 4, 1867, when he entered 160 acres of land, and with the exception of eight years spent in Elk Point, where he kept a feed-store, the farm he homesteaded, and on which he built a log cabin with sod roof, has been his residence.

Mr. Crumrine was born in Harrison county, Ohio, January 18, 1821, and he is a son of John and Catherine (Bowers) Crumrine, both natives of Pennsylvania. George Crumrine, father of John Crumrine, was a German, and probably the founder of his

family in this country. Barney Bowers, Mrs. Crumrine's father, was also a native of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Crumrine are now deceased, both having died in Ohio. The subject of this biography passed his early life in the Buckeye state, and there, during the winter terms of the subscription schools, he obtained what education was afforded. He grew to manhood in his native state, and there resided till 1857, when he went to Blackford county, Ind., and took up land, on which he lived three years. The ague drove him out, in 1860, and he located that year in Carroll county, Mo., where he bought land and settled, staying there during the Civil war. During his residence in Missouri, while the war was in progress, he was a member of the "Home Guards," an organization of loyal citizens, and he bore a prominent part during the stirring days of that period. On one occasion he was initiated into the first degree of the "Knights of the Golden Circle," an organization favoring the secession movement, and he was thus able to procure much information which was of great benefit to the federal cause. He was a man of great nerve and bravery, and carried information to the government authorities on many a perilous journey. In March, 1863, he left Missouri, the rebel element there having become acquainted with his Union sentiments, and Col. Hale, his commanding officer, advised him to leave the state and save his life. His land—320 acres—he lost, not caring to claim it at the hands of men who would gladly have plunged a knife through his heart. From Missouri he wandered to Kansas, and for a few years was in Illinois, also, before coming to Dakota territory. Since coming to Union county, through his

own efforts he has been eminently successful. When he arrived here he was poor, paying \$45, all the money he had, for a cow. Then the grasshoppers for several years took the fruit of his labor, but through all the hard luck he never lost heart; he was frugal and industrious, and has prospered accordingly, and now is in good circumstances, surrounded by all the comforts of life.

Mr. Crumrine was married in Ohio when he was twenty-three years of age—in 1844—to Miss Frances Kerr, and they have been blessed with eight children, viz.: Ezra, John, Thomas, Andrew, Alvina and Greene, living; and Mary A. and Wesley, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Crumrine are religious people, he belonging to the Methodist Episcopal church and she a Congregationalist, and both take an active interest in all church matters. Politically, he started in life a Whig, was subsequently a Republican, and is now a Populist. He has held only school offices during his residence in Union county, having no desire to enter active political life. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, Elk Point lodge, master degree.

ILES McLOUGHLIN, one of Turner county's prominent and well-known citizens who has a pleasant home in section 15, Germantown township, was born December 21, 1846, in Roachdale, England, and was the only son of Mathias and Eleanor (Dillon) McLoughlin, who were also natives of the British islands. They emigrated to America in 1848 and located at Grafton, Worcester Co., Mass. He was an engineer by occupation and had charge of the stove works at

Saundersville in the same county. They came to Clayton county, Iowa, in 1857 and settled on a farm in Cox Creek township, where Mrs. McLoughlin died at the age of sixty years. Mr. McLoughlin lived to be seventy-six years old, passing away at his son's home in Turner county, S. Dak.

Miles was two years old when his parents located in America. The first school he attended was that of the district where he lived in Massachusetts, and this he supplemented with a term at a college near Baltimore, Md. He was married in Iowa and in 1870, with his wife, located at Luverne, Minn., shortly afterward coming back to Iowa, and in 1875 returning to Luverne, where he rented a farm which he carried on for about a year. He hauled the stone for the foundation of the first brick building erected in Luverne. In November, 1877, Mr. McLoughlin entered the north half of section 15 in what is now Germantown township, Turner Co., S. Dak., and there he resided until he sold out and purchased the quarter section on which he has since lived. He made the farm his home until 1889 when he was appointed librarian and teacher of the South Dakota penitentiary at Sioux Falls. He held that position for four years and in 1894 returned to his home in Turner county, where he has resided ever since.

The subject of this sketch was first united in marriage in 1866, in Clayton county, Iowa, to Miss Mary McDermott, a native of Ohio, and by this union they were the parents of nine children, five of whom are living, as follows: Irene, Thomas, Julia, Fletcher and Katie. Mrs. McLoughlin died July 20, 1885, and he subsequently married Mary Krueger in March, 1892. She is a native of the

state of Pennsylvania, and came with her parents to Iowa, when eight years old. Mr. McLoughlin has been a life-long Republican in politics. While a resident of Minnesota he was the first justice of the peace of Mound township, Rock county, and the second clerk of that township, which position he held for a year prior to his coming to Dakota. So well did he discharge the duties of his office that the township board refused to accept his resignation. In 1880 he was appointed deputy assessor and census enumerator for Turner county, and in 1884 was nominated for sheriff of the same county, but was defeated by only six votes. In this connection it should be also stated that Mr. McLoughlin has always taken an active interest in educational matters ever since he taught his first term of school in Clayton, Iowa, when he was sixteen years old, and is still actively engaged in that calling. He was one of the first school officers of the northeast part of Turner county, and organized the first school in the township. This institution of learning was conducted in the home of a Mrs. Pullen, she receiving as remuneration \$15 per month for the room used, furnished, and each patron supplied seats for their respective children. He also built the first building erected especially for school purposes, hauling the lumber from Lennox. The site of the school house was on section 10, of Germantown township, and the first pupils had a Miss Penny for instructor, our subject teaching during the winter term.

Mr. McLoughlin is a self-made man, intelligent, well educated and informed on current topics. He has met and conquered trials and temptations and has the esteem and respect of all who know him. In 1887 he had the misfortune to lose heavily by fire,

which consumed almost all his personal effects; but he was not discouraged, and has by industry, perseverance and economy regained a strong foothold on the road to prosperity. In 1864 he enlisted on the call of the President for troops, but up to the close of the war was not assigned to any regiment. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity and I. O. O. F. at Lennox. He was instrumental in having the lodge of the latter order located at Lennox, and was one of its charter members. Religiously he is a free-thinker, and belongs to no particular denomination.

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ON. ROBERT R. GREEN, deceased, was one of the earliest settlers of Union county, having located in section No. 17, Civil Bend township, in 1863. He was a native of Kentucky, born August 10, 1811, and spent part of his boyhood in that state, later removing with his parents to Wisconsin, where he grew to maturity. His early life was mostly spent on a farm.

Mr. Green was married June 11, 1834, to Miss Cinderella Fanner, and together they settled in Lafayette county, Wis., where she died in 1846. They were the parents of seven children, all of whom are deceased. One son, Robert Allan Green, was killed in the battle of the Wilderness during the Civil war. Mr. Green subsequently married Miss Nancy J. Ashmore, a native of Coles county, Ill., the wedding taking place March 16, 1847. Miss Ashmore was a daughter of David and Margaret (Lovelace) Ashmore, both of whom are deceased. They were the parents of ten chil-

dren, eight living; but Mrs. Green and her brother Ulysses are the only representatives of the family residing in Union county. Mrs. Green was born January 11, 1829, and spent her girlhood in Illinois, later removing to Wisconsin. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Green continued to reside in Lafayette county, Wis., where they prospered, coming in 1863 to Union county and settling on the place where Mrs. Green now lives. When they came here the country wasn't much better than a wilderness; there were very few neighbors, and settlers' cabins were few and far between. Their first place of abode was a shanty constructed of rails and roofed with dirt; but shortly after their cabin was finished and they moved into it. They endured all the hardships incident to the development of a new country. For seven years grasshoppers did terrible damage, and three times the Missouri river overflowed its banks and devastated the farms along its borders. Mr. Green, by industry and well-applied business judgment, had accumulated some \$15,000, which he brought with him to Union county, and he started the first store ever opened in Elk Point, conducting it for seven years, after which he devoted his time to superintending his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Green are the parents of eight children, viz.: James, who married Martha Webster, lives near Calliope, Iowa, and has three children; Shelton married Henrietta Bowman, lives in Nebraska and has a family of nine children; Washington married Annie Payne and resides in Alcester; they have two children: Eliza Caroline is the wife of Jacob H. Pace, and resides in Union county, has five children; Edith is the wife of William Eslick, lives at Elk

Point, and has six children; Jeannette, wife of John Skaife, lives in Civil Bend township, and has one child; R. S. married Ollie Crandall, lives in Union county and has no children. Mr. Green served in the ranks during the period of the Blackhawk war, and was a Methodist in religious belief. He was a man universally esteemed for his many excellent traits of character, and had the entire confidence of his friends and the community at large. He was elected to the territorial legislature and served one term, and held many minor offices of the township. His death occurred September 27, 1890, and he was buried in the cemetery at Elk Point, mourned by all who had known him. His wife, an estimable lady, still resides on the homestead and conducts the affairs of the farm, which consists of 333 acres, ninety of which are under cultivation and well improved.

JOHN ALBEN PETERSON, one of the representative farmers and citizens of Brule township, Union county, was born in the southern part of Sweden, February 28, 1835. His boyhood was spent in his native land, where also he acquired his education. In 1864 he emigrated to America and landed at New York, the voyage from the old country being made in a sailing vessel and occupying three months. While en route twenty-two of his fellow passengers died, the result of "bad water, bad food and bad everything" as Mr. Alben expresses it. From New York he came west to Chicago and thence to De Kalb county, Ill., where soon after arrival he enlisted in the Twenty-third Illinois regiment, infantry, company K, and was at-





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tached to the Twenty-fourth army corps under Gen. Grant. He took part in the battles fought in and around Richmond, and during his active service was marched and counter marched, suffered much from exposure, and endured a great many hardships in upholding the national honor and for the preservation of his adopted country. His reward was an honorable discharge at Chicago, in July, 1865, from where he went again to De Kalb county, Ill.

In 1866 Mr. Alben started for Des Moines, Iowa, and while living there was married to Miss Carrie Miller. This union has been blessed by the birth of four children—John W., Alfred, Alida E., and Oscar W.—all of whom have had the advantage of a liberal education in the schools and colleges.

Union county first saw our subject in the fall of 1867, when he located in Brule township, homesteading 160 acres, on which he built a small log cabin and at once started in breaking ground and improving his future home. At that time he was surrounded by nothing but raw prairie, his nearest neighbors being several miles distant, but Indians were numerous and quite troublesome at times. On various occasions Mr. Alben found it necessary to take his wife and child into the field where he was breaking land, as the redskins had visited his cabin and mistreated his family, and he did not feel warranted in leaving them at home alone and unprotected while he was absent at work. Like most of the old settlers of Union county he started poor, but his natural progressive nature combined with sound judgment have produced their results, for he now owns 480 acres in Brule township and 160 acres in Charles Mix county, S. Dak.

His land is all improved and in an excellent state of cultivation.

The subject of these brief paragraphs is a member of the Lutheran church and takes an earnest interest in its welfare. His estimable wife, and likewise his children, also belong to this denomination. Socially he is a member of the Stephen A. Hulbert post No. 9, G. A. R., at Elk Point.

EDWARD D. WOODS, one of the survivors of that great army of brave men who responded to the call for volunteers to uphold the flag and honor of their country in the late war of the rebellion, is now engaged in the pursuit of agriculture in section 19, Elk Point township, Union county. He is a native of Richland county, Ill., and was born January 23, 1837, a son of Andrew and Nancy (Benson) Woods, natives of Bracken county, Ky. Andrew Woods was an agriculturist by occupation, and in 1835 came to Illinois, where he tilled the soil for ten years in connection with his trade of bridge building. In 1846 he located in Spencer county, Ind., near Rockport, where he engaged in farming until 1868, when he moved to Dakota territory. In early life he affiliated with the Whigs, and subsequently was a Republican. His demise occurred on his farm in Union county in 1878, and his wife died in 1880. They were the parents of six children, five of whom are now living, viz.: John J., Edward D., Mary E., Andrew H. and Zachariah B.

Edward attended school until he was thirteen years of age, and then assisted in the work on the home farm till July 16, 1861, when he enlisted at Rockport, Ind., in com-

pany K, Twenty-fifth regiment, Indiana infantry, as private. When he enlisted the company was in camp at Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., Ind., where they remained for six weeks in training, drilling eight hours per day. From camp they went to St. Louis, where they spent five weeks, and then to Jefferson City, Mo., where they remained three weeks more. The regiment then received orders to reinforce Gen. Mulligan, but when within sixty miles they heard of his surrender, and went into camp at Sedalia, Mo., for two weeks. From Sedalia the regiment went to various places—Springfield, where they only remained one day, and then returned 200 miles to Otterville, Mo., and then to Warrensburgh, where they captured 1,300 rebels, whom they escorted to St. Louis. They stayed in the latter place until 1862, and then marched to Cairo, Ill., Ft. Henry, Tenn., and later to Ft. Donelson, where the regiment was engaged in battle for three days. They next participated in the battle of Shiloh, and then went to La Grange, Tenn., where they remained thirty days on scout duty. From La Grange they marched to Memphis, then to Boliver, Tenn., and five weeks later participated in the battle of Hatchie, Tenn. In this battle our subject was wounded in the foot, which laid him up in the hospital for forty days. From this time on the regiment did guard duty on railroads and scouting at various places—Boliver and La Grange, Tenn.; Davis Mills, Miss.; La Mar Station, Memphis on provost duty, and then back again to La Grange. From La Grange the regiment went to Memphis, Vicksburgh, Miss., and then participated in the Meridian raid, after which they marched to Canton, Miss. This was in 1864, and after re-enlisting, his term

of service having expired, our subject secured a veteran's furlough of thirty days and went home. At the expiration of his leave of absence he rejoined his regiment at Nashville, Tenn., and went to Decatur, Ala., where they built forts and did scout duty for three months, after which they decamped for Atlanta, Ga. The regiment next went to Resaca, Ga., and in an engagement near there Mr. Woods was wounded in the right arm by a minie ball. This unfortunate occurrence and the incidents which followed are best told in Mr. Wood's own words. He says: "I was wounded in the right arm in an engagement at Snake Creek Gap, Ga., October 15, 1864. The examining surgeons pronounced me disabled and sent me back to Resaca. I was there placed under the care of Dr. Buell, surgeon of the Eighteenth Ohio infantry, and he performed a resection in my arm the following day. For several successive days I failed rapidly, and soon became entirely helpless. On the morning of the 24th I had a hemorrhage of one of the small arteries, but Dr. Buell soon succeeded in stopping it. On the 28th my nurse, Tillman Willard, discovered gangrene in the wound. The doctor, on account of lack of proper medicine, was unable to check the disease, and by the 3rd of November it had grown so much worse that he said my arm must be amputated in order to save my life. After performing the operation he was ordered to his brigade. I, with fourteen other wounded soldiers, was then transferred to Chattanooga. I shall never forget what I suffered on that journey. It seemed to me that I died a thousand deaths. We were compelled to ride in a box car, and were very much crowded. The train had not been in motion fifteen minutes before I had

another hemorrhage. A young physician on board came to my assistance, thereby saving my life, for had it not been for him in all probability I should have bled to death.

"We reached Chattanooga on the morning of November 8, and were admitted into ward 3, section 5, of hospital No. 1. Dr. McGrath, on examining my wound, discovered that gangrene had attacked the stump. He then began burning it with bromide. I had another hemorrhage November 11, and the doctor placed me under the influence of chloroform, and took up the artery. He continued the burning process for eight days longer, and at the expiration of that time the disease was eradicated. I had a hemorrhage of the main artery November 17, and had to undergo the same treatment as before. On February 15, I was transferred from Chattanooga to Nashville, and upon application a furlough was granted to me by Dr. Nofsinger, dated March 3, 1865, ordering me to report to the nearest medical director for disposition of my case. After remaining at home for thirty days, I reported to hospital No. 1, Evansville, Ind. By the 20th of April my wound was entirely healed, and I received my discharge papers May 12 following."

Mr. Woods enlisted as a private, and in the latter part of 1863 was promoted to the rank of corporal. During the last year of service he acted as first duty sergeant and as such was discharged. His captain makes the following statement upon his descriptive roll: "Was in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, siege of Corinth, Miss.; was severely wounded in the battle of Matamoras, Tenn., October 5, 1862; was in the siege of Atlanta, Ga., was severely

wounded in the battle of Snake Creek Gap, Ga., October 15, 1864; and has not been able for service since. Conduct in battle, good."

After his discharge, Mr. Woods traveled on the road selling books, and in 1867 came to Dakota territory and settled in township 91, Union county, where he took a homestead, and lived on it for eighteen years. He subsequently sold out and bought his present location. He has forty acres under cultivation, and his land is improved with a fine home. He is extensively engaged in grape culture, and the growing of various other fruits, farming and stock raising.

Mr. Woods was united in marriage in 1868 to Miss Harriet L. Butts, a native of Massachusetts, and a daughter of David and Susan (Champlin) Butts, natives of Canterbury and Norwich, Conn., respectively. The former by trade was a carpenter, and later in life followed farming. In Rock Falls, Iowa, where he located when he came west, he was county commissioner for two years, and held other public offices. Both he and his wife were members of the Congregational church in which he was a deacon. Mr. Butts died at Rock Falls, and his wife in Norwich, Conn. They were the parents of six children, Mrs. Woods being the only one surviving. Mr. and Mrs. Woods have a family of seven children, viz.: Mary E., Rebecca J., Benson H., Ida L., George A., Lotta C., and Edward F. Mr. Woods is an ardent silver Republican in politics, and a member of the Stephen A. Hulbert post No. 9, G. A. R., at Elk Point.

The reader will be pleased to notice a portrait of Mr. Woods on another page of this volume.

**P**HILIP J. COTTON is the fortunate owner of one of the fine farms of Hurley township, Turner county, consisting of 320 acres in sections 18 and 6. It was enclosed and sub-divided by neat fences and devoted to the twofold purposes of grain and stock raising. Good buildings have been erected upon it and the latest improved machinery is used in carrying on the work. A substantial, home-like dwelling also graces the property, and everything upon the place indicates the thrift that has acquired and the good judgment that carries on the estate, leading passers-by to decide that the owners are people of prominence among agriculturists.

The parents of our subject, Thomas and Catharine (Hare) Cotton, the former born in 1820 and the latter in 1832, left England and settled with their family in Prince Edwards isle about the middle of the century. Mr. Cotton was a seaman for eighteen years during his early life and visited all parts of the globe, being a participant in many whaling expeditions and also a sailor and member of the naval militia at the time of the war with Mexico. After abandoning a seafaring life he settled in Indiana and in 1848 started from the Hoosier state across the plains to California, where he prospected and mined for gold and also operated a store. On returning from the Pacific coast he settled in Livingston county, Ill., but later removed to the city of Peoria, in which place he worked at the trade of cooper, and after the close of the war between the north and south, again settled on a farm in Livingston county. Mr. Cotton came to Dakota territory in 1869, at which time he settled on a farm near Wakonda, being one of the earliest settlers there. This property,

which he took up as a homestead, he improved and in 1874 sold out and located on the farm whereon his son, the subject of this sketch, now resides. Here again he was one of the pioneers, there being but few settlers in the neighborhood. He built first a little board shanty and later a 24-foot square frame house in which he passed to the shore of a brighter and better world September 16, 1879, leaving behind him the record of a well-spent life. Religiously he was a Baptist and his faithful wife, who went to take her place by his side January 12, 1888, belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of six children, but two only of this little family survive, the gentleman whose name introduces this biography, and John D.

Philip J. Cotton was born July 8, 1859, in Livingston county, Ill., but since his tenth year has been a resident of what is now South Dakota. He attended the district schools of the neighborhood where he made his home, and later the graded institutions at Vermillion, where he acquired a good practical education. He remained a member of the parental household until he attained his twentieth year and then homesteaded a claim of 160 acres, it being the northwest quarter of section 6 of the same township in which he now lives. Forty-five acres of this property he broke and got under cultivation and then sold out and bought with the proceeds a farm just north of Marion Junction, which he operated until 1884, buying his present farm at that time.

January 15, 1893, Mr. Cotton was married to Miss Lucy Dresbach, of Mount Carroll, Ill., and to this union have been born two children, Ross V. and Henry Wales. Mrs. Cotton is a Methodist, and a member

of the church of that denomination. Mr. Cotton socially is a member of the I. O. O. F., and politically a Republican.

**H**ON. BENAJOR W. COLLAR, a prominent citizen and enterprising farmer of Vermillion township, Clay county, was born in Morris, Otsego Co., N. Y., February 8, 1835. His father and mother, Lyman and Loes (Utter) Collar, were both natives of Dutchess county, of the same state; she died in Waupaca county, Wis., in 1856, and he passed to the other world in Otsego county, N. Y., four years later.

Of the family of six sons and four daughters, our subject was the youngest. He lived in his native county in the Empire state until sixteen years of age, when he accompanied his parents to the Badger state, and in and around Waupaca county he spent the next nine years of his life, being engaged in lumbering in the woods during the winter and farming in the summer. On attaining mature years he was married to Miss Charlotte Morey, a native of Orange county, N. Y., born February 29, 1840. Mrs. Collar is the daughter of William and Amelia (Wood) Morey, and the eldest child of a family of three sons and two daughters born to them. Mr. Morey died in 1852, but his good wife still survives at an advanced age. After their marriage, which occurred June 7, 1856, Mr. Collar and his young bride settled in Waupaca county, Wis., and continued to reside there until 1860, at which time Mr. Collar rented a farm in Jones county, Iowa, for one season, and then in April, 1861, removed with his family to Clay county, Dak. Ter. On ar-

rival he entered a claim in Vermillion township, and near there he has since lived. He has given his time almost exclusively to agricultural pursuits, and now owns 720 acres of as fine farming land as is to be found in the vicinity—all in Vermillion township.

Mr. and Mrs. Collar are the parents of eight children, of whom we note the following record: Egbert L.; William A.; Ella G., the wife of Thomas Glenn; Willis B.; Rosetta, now Mrs. T. H. Combs; Violetta, the wife of O. O. Lakken; Lottie, now Mrs. George Ainsworth; and Flora B., the wife of John E. Hirt. Mr. Collar served one term in the territorial legislature and formerly took quite an active part in all local and political affairs, though of late he has devoted his attention more to his personal matters. Mrs. Collar is a devout Christian, a member in good standing of the Baptist church, and she has been a devoted wife, a fond mother and a true helpmate in all that the word implies.

**W**ILLIAM J. BYRNES, treasurer of Lincoln county, who resides in Canton, is one of the most prominent and enterprising young men of the county.

The parents of our subject were James and Martha (Oliver) Byrnes, the former a farmer by occupation who died in Green county, Wis., in 1869. Mrs. Byrnes (now Mrs. Owens) still survives. To this couple was born a family of five children, viz.: William J., Emma, deceased; Mary J., George W. and Emma. William J., the eldest and the gentleman of whom we write, first opened his eyes to the light in Green county, Wis., June 19, 1861, and passed his

early life on his father's farm. He was educated in the common schools and remained a member of the parental household until the fall of 1879, when he purchased a team with his savings and drove alone to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. The following spring he bought 160 acres in Pleasant township, it being the farm on which he spent the first night after his arrival in the territory, and for the next six years he devoted his attention to the cultivation of his property, working in the field during the summer months and teaching school in the winter.

Mr. Byrnes has been twice married. His first wife bore the maiden name of Miss Rose Kundert, a native of Green county, Wis., and daughter of Fridolin and Salome Kundert, to whom he was wedded December 29, 1881. After marriage the young couple took up their domestic life on the farm, and continued to reside there until the summer of 1883, when they removed to Beresford, Union county. Mr. Byrnes there built a hotel, which he operated for a period of six months, at the expiration of that time selling out and removing back to his homestead in Pleasant township. From that time he continued to devote his attention exclusively to agriculture and stock raising until August, 1887, when his wife died. He then rented the farm, although he still made his residence thereon. October 13, 1888, Mr. Byrnes contracted his second marriage, this time the bride being Miss Helen Matts, who was born in Dane county, Wis., a daughter of John and Lovina Matts. From the date of this event until November, 1894, he operated his farm property, and then, on being elected county treasurer, removed to Canton. During 1895 he erected an elegant residence on Broad-

way, and here he and his wife and family now live. He was re-elected treasurer November 3, 1896.

Our subject has always taken an interest in local affairs, and has filled various of the public offices of Pleasant township. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, and stanchly supports its principles by voice and vote. Socially he is an Odd Fellow, and belongs to the Centennial lodge, No. 10, of that order. He has been, since eighteen years of age, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and during his whole career has never forgot his duties as a Christian and a member of that denomination. By his first wife he became the parent of two sons, Clarence W. and Ralph Ray—the latter is deceased—and his union with Miss Matts has been productive of three children, viz.: Emma L., Verlyn M. and Wavy L.

**H**ON. CANUTE WEEKS, of Vermillion township, is one of the pioneers of Clay county. He was born near Bergen, Norway, September 10, 1839, and his early life and boyhood was spent in his native place. He attended the common schools for an education, and assisted in the cultivation of his father's farm until he had attained the age of seventeen years, at which time he desired to seek his fortune in the new world. Accordingly he emigrated, and upon arriving at Quebec went direct to La Salle county, Ill., where he was engaged at different occupations until the spring of 1860, coming to Clay county, Dak. Ter., at that time. He entered a government claim of 160 acres in section 2, of Vermillion township, and this

has since been his home farm and the base of his extensive farming interests. He has erected a fine set of buildings, complete in every detail, and is now the owner of 880 acres of land.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Carrie Nelson was celebrated in Vermillion township in 1864. Mrs. Weeks is, like her husband, a native of Norway, and their union has been blessed to them by the advent of seven children, viz.: Lee, Henry, Nellie, Nels, Anna, Mamie and Martin. Mr. Weeks was a member of the territorial council one term and also of the lower house of the legislature, and he has also served as county commissioner. In fact in all local matters he is well known, and in religious affairs he is likewise an active worker, holding membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church.

The parents of Mr. Weeks were Hans and Rachael (Thorson) Weeks. They came to America in 1859, and located in La Salle county, Ill., but the next year in August, they arrived in Dakota territory, and took up a claim in Spirit Mound township, Clay county, where they both passed from time to eternity. Of the five children born to this worthy couple, four sons and one daughter, our subject was the eldest.

**S**AINTE JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, Rev. M. Traynor, pastor. This church is located in sec.

4, Prairie township, Union county, and is the place of worship of one of the most flourishing parishes in the state. The old church building was erected in 1874 by some farmers living near the present location of the church property, and the congrega-

tion is the oldest in the diocese with the exception of Jefferson. The first resident priest stationed here was Very Rev. F. X. Lawler, Mgr., who took charge in 1881; he was succeeded by Rev. M. P. Horgan, now in England; he by Rev. J. B. McInnerny; he by Rev. C. J. Quinn; he by Rev. J. J. Shea, now of Huron, S. Dak.; he by Rev. D. F. Desmond, now at De Smet; he by Rev. F. Flannigan, deceased; and he by Rev. M. Traynor, the present incumbent.

When Father Traynor took up his labors here he found the old building inadequate and immediately set to work agitating among the parishioners the cause of better facilities. The people, who have taken an active interest in their church, responded handsomely, and in May, 1896, the reverend father was able to begin the erection of a fine new edifice on the church property. It is 40 x 80 feet, which includes a sanctuary of 21 feet, and will seat about 400 people, including the gallery. The cost was about \$6,000.00, and eighteen memorial windows of stained glass were donated by different members of the congregation, besides paying their several regular assessments. The church was dedicated November 18, 1896, by Rt. Rev. Thomas O'Gorman, bishop, assisted by several of the priests of the diocese. The present congregation numbers forty-eight families, who are regular members and attendants, and ten transient families. Since the Rev. Traynor has taken charge, which was in July, 1895, the congregation has had a steady, healthy growth and compares very favorably with any in the state.

Rev. M. Traynor is an American born gentleman and is highly educated. He first saw the light in Philadelphia, April 5, 1849,



and received his education at the Niagara university, of Niagara, N. Y., where he took up the study of the classics, and completed his studies at St. Vincent's seminary, Germantown, Pa. He was ordained a priest June 18, 1879, by Archbishop Wood, of Philadelphia, now deceased, and took up his first ministerial charge in Missouri; from there he was stationed at various places—Niagara Falls, Baltimore and Philadelphia, and in 1892 was detailed to South Dakota. His first charge in the latter state was at Tyndall; from there he went to Deadwood, and in July, 1895, as stated above, he began his labors at the Church of St. Joseph. Father Traynor is an able and efficient representative of the Catholic clergy, liberal in his views and well-posted on all current topics.

PETER N. AGGERGAARD, the largest individual land owner of Turner county and one of the most extensive live-stock dealers in this section of the country, has his residence in section 17 of Daneville township. He was born in Denmark, January 11, 1844, and reared on a farm in his native place until he had attained the age of sixteen years, when he left home and started out in the battle of life for himself. He worked for a while on the railroad in Denmark, receiving the munificent salary of sixty cents per day, and later went to Austria-Hungary where he secured employment at the same work. There, however, he received much better remuneration for his services, his monthly salary being equivalent to about \$80 in this country. He was foreman for an old Englishman, and during the seven years he remained in his

employment our subject saved his money, and when he had accumulated \$9,000 he sailed for America. This was in 1870, and he immediately commenced in his old line of business, taking a contract for grading the extension of one of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad's branches in Wisconsin. He also worked on a railroad in Minnesota, and in 1873 for two months worked on a steamboat on the Mississippi river. In June of that year he arrived in Turner county, Dak. Ter., and pre-empted the half section of land whereon he now lives. This property he improved, and as he prospered he invested his savings in other tracts of land, until now his possessions foot up between 5,000 and 6,000 acres in Yankton, Clay and Turner counties. Much of his property he rents out, cultivating only about 1,500 acres himself. Mr. Aggergaard, as stated above, is also a very extensive live-stock raiser, and now has about 500 head of cattle on his farm. He does all his own shipping, most of his stock going to Chicago, and is without doubt one of the largest stock dealers in this section of the country.

The estimable lady who so graciously presides over the household affairs of our subject, became his wife May 11, 1888. She was formerly Miss Elesena Nelson, and, like her husband, is a native of Denmark. To them have been born a family of seven bright, interesting little children, on whom have been bestowed the following names, viz.: Arthur, Anna, Larse, Mary, Downey, Francea and Peter.

Mr. Aggergaard politically affiliates with the Republican party. He is one of the early settlers of the county and his marvelous success in the prosecution of the various enterprises with which he has connected him-



self is the result of sound and mature judgment combined with natural business acumen, which he possesses in a large degree. He has applied himself diligently to his own interests, carefully considering the advisability of every transaction to which he is a party, and as a result of this unstinted use of his faculties and the courage to act on his judgment to the last letter, his success has been assured.

**P**ETER RUDOLPH TSCHUDI, SR. Among the men who are conducting the farming interests of Lincoln county are many old soldiers, and and our subject is one of the brave men who volunteered during the late war to help defend the country, and served long and honorably in defense of the stars and stripes. He is a native of picturesque Switzerland, and was born in April, 1843. He grew to maturity in his native land, where, also, he received his education, and in 1861 emigrated to America. Upon landing, he came direct to Green county, Wis., but after six months' residence there, the patriotic spirit which characterizes his countrymen asserted itself, when the rebellion broke out, and, although an alien, he was one of the first to offer his services as a soldier. He was enrolled in September, 1861, in company K, Ninth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, and was mustered into the service of the United States at Milwaukee, Wis. The regiment was first ordered to Leavenworth, Kans., thence to Fort Scott and the Indian territory, and later to northwestern Arkansas and southwestern Missouri. During this time our subject participated with his regiment in the battles of Newtonia, Prairie

Grove and Kane Hill, and after two months spent in St. Louis, went with his company to Little Rock, where they joined Gen. Steele's army. The following spring they took part in the Red river campaign, under the command of Gen. Banks, but got only as far as Compton, when they returned to the rendezvous at Little Rock, participating in a few engagements with the rebel forces under Price, going, and the battle of Saline river when returning to Little Rock. Our subject remained with his regiment in the latter place until the expiration of his term of service, taking part in several minor expeditions, and was mustered out and discharged at Little Rock the latter part of 1864, after three years of faithful duty in the service of his adopted country. Mr. Tschudi was never wounded during his entire term of enlistment; but when on his way home, on board a boat on the Mississippi, he fell down the hatchway. From the effects of this accident he has never fully recovered, which, coupled with the inroads made on his health by the hardships and privations he endured as a soldier, incapacitated him for hard physical labor.

After the cessation of hostilities Mr. Tschudi returned to his home in the Badger state, and in the spring of 1865, removed to and settled on a farm in Goodhue county, Minn. After twelve years spent in farming pursuits there he came to Dakota territory, settling on his present farm in section 18, of Pleasant township, in 1877. For a time he lived in a dug out and applied himself industriously to improving his farm, and his estate, which now comprises 250 acres, is all under cultivation, and nearly all of this he has done himself, besides building all the present structures. He is exclusively

a farmer, and his reputation as a skillful and practical agriculturist is second to none.

In 1865 Mr. Tschudi was united in marriage in Dodge county, Minn., to Miss Annie Legler, a native of Green county, Wis., and a daughter of Casper Legler, deceased, who was one of the early settlers of that county. Mrs. Tschudi was born in 1847, and to her and Mr. Tschudi have come ten children, nine of whom are living, viz.: Fred, John Casper, Rosie, deceased; Peter Rudolph, Jr.; Agatha, the wife of Melchior Schieser, of this township, and the mother of one son, Jacob; Edward, Samuel Emil, Rosie, and Otto. The family are members in good standing of the Calvinist church, and the children have all been given good school educations.

Mr. Tschudi, politically, is a Republican, and has taken an active part in all local matters of interest. Although he has frequently been importuned to accept office by his fellow-townsmen, he has always declined the nomination, preferring to allow others who, though probably no better fitted for civic life than he, are more anxious to serve.

**J**OHAN R. KERR, an excellent type of the pioneer class who possess in a large degree the affability and hospitality that universally characterizes the hardy men who blazed the trail into the western wilds, now has his home in Brule township, Union county. He was born June 26, 1833, in Harford county, Md., and is a son of Robert and Mary (Rowlings) Kerr, natives of that state. His early life was spent in Maryland, where he derived his education from the subscription schools of the district.

Mr. Kerr first saw the territory of Dakota in 1862, having resided since 1857 in Sioux City, Iowa, where he returned after having spent two months assisting as a mechanic in the construction of the first hotel in Yankton, Dak. In 1864 he went to eastern Iowa for four years, after which he returned to Sioux City, residing there till 1869. The same year he located 172 acres where he now lives, on which land he moved his family in 1870. He constructed a small frame building at first for a dwelling, and then began breaking up and clearing the land which constitutes his present farm.

A few words regarding our subject's ancestors will be of interest. His grandfather Kerr was an Irishman by birth, and was the founder of the family which bears his name in this country, his grandmother Kerr having been born in America. His maternal grandparents were of Scotch-Irish origin. Mr. Kerr's parents had eleven children, four sons and seven daughters; there are seven living, viz.: Lorena, Mary, Caroline, Hannah, Sarah, William and John R. Those deceased are Rebecca, Agnes, John and Robert. His father served in the war of 1812-15 in a Maryland regiment, was a pensioner and received a land warrant from the government. He resided within five miles of his birthplace all his life, and died aged eighty-nine years.

Mr. Kerr was married near Sioux City, Iowa, in 1863, to Miss Sarah A. Clark, who has borne him eight children, all living, viz.: John R., Jr., Frank F., Lena C., James W., Johnson H., Thomas J., Mary S. and Florence M. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which they have been connected for many years—he for forty-five, and she, for thirty-five years.

In politics, he was formerly a Whig, and subsequently, a Republican, of which party's principles he is a strong supporter. He has held the office of school director of his district several years, is widely known and highly-respected, and has a beautiful home where he and the partner of his life are surrounded by every comfort that the fruits of his toil can furnish.

**W**ILLIAM J. WYNN, a thrifty and enterprising agriculturist who has a nice farm of 200 acres located in section 27, Civil Bend township, came to Union county in 1864, and is therefore one of the early settlers. He is a native of Tazewell county, W. Va., born February 26, 1845, and is a son of Harmon and Hannah (Thompson) Wynn, both of whom were born in West Virginia and married there.

Harmon Wynn was a mill-wright by occupation, which trade he followed in West Virginia until he started west with his family to locate in Iowa. He, however, passed to his reward beyond the grave on the journey, and his sorrowing wife and family were left to continue to their destination alone. The mother and children made their first settlement in Winneshiek county, Iowa, on a farm which they conducted and resided on for two years. At the expiration of that time they went to Dane county, Wis., where Mrs. Wynn continued to reside till 1864, when she came to Union county, to live with her son, the subject of this sketch. She died at his residence in 1894, aged eighty-five years. To Mr. and Mrs. Wynn were born ten children, and three sons and three daughters of that

family still survive, viz.: Alexander, William J. and Thomas J. and Mrs. Mary Beavers, Mrs. Ellenor H. Daily and Mrs. Laura I. Strobel. One son, Andrew by name, was a soldier in the Civil war, a member of the Eleventh Wisconsin regiment, infantry, and died from the effects of exposure and privation which so many brave men were called upon to face during that period of strife.

William J. Wynn started with his parents when they left West Virginia for Iowa, and subsequently accompanied his mother to Wisconsin, in which states he acquired the rudiments of education in the common schools of the districts. When he arrived in South Dakota it appeared to him one vast expanse of wilderness; there were but few settlers, and roads had not been established. He built a log house and covered it with dirt, in which he resided with his mother for four years, subsequently constructing his present place of abode, in which he has lived since. He started in life empty-handed, but was not a stranger to hard work, and, although he worked out for three years after coming to Union county, he industriously applied himself to the development of his property later on, and now has, as stated above, a farm of some 200 acres, 100 of which are under cultivation. He does general farming exclusively. He has been a member of the school board for twenty-five years and treasurer for sixteen years continuously. Politically, he has been a Democrat, but at present is independent.

Mr. Wynn and Miss Sarah Edwards, a native of Harrison county, Mo., were united in marriage in 1871, and they are the parents of eight children, six living, viz.: Laura, Thomas A., Mary, Cleve, Willie A.,

and Myrtle. Mrs. Wynn was born May 19, 1851, and is a daughter of Elisha and Mary Edwards, who came to Union county in 1862 and settled at Sioux Point. They were the parents of twelve children, five of whom are living. Both Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are now deceased.

**A**NDREW J. JOHNSEN, a well-to-do, prominent and enterprising farmer and old settler of Turner county, in section 4 of Daneville township, of which he is carrying on extensive farming operations, is a native of Denmark, and was born April 21, 1840. He was reared in his native place, and at the age of sixteen years began an apprenticeship at the tailor's trade. This trade he followed up to 1869, as a means of livelihood, with the exception of two years, which were spent in the Danish army, and when he was twenty-nine years old he started for America.

After landing in this country he went direct to Winnebago county, Wis., and a couple years later came to Dakota territory and rented a farm in Clay county. This latter he operated for a period of five years, at the expiration of which time he homesteaded and settled on the farm where he now lives. That was in 1877 and he has since constantly resided thereon. His present landed possessions consist of 720 acres of as good land as can be found in Turner county, and on this he has erected some first-class buildings, among which is a fine dwelling, which was built in 1894, at a cost of about \$1,500.00. He does a general farming business, and beside this is treasurer of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company, which position he has held for the

past eleven years. He has been closely identified with local matters of interest and was one of the organizers of Daneville township, as supervisor and road-overseer of which he has served at various times with credit. He now holds the office of township treasurer. Politically he is a staunch Republican of the straightest type, and religiously is a member of the Lutheran church.

The marriage of Mr. Johnsen and Miss Anna Jorgensen was celebrated December 8, 1870. Mrs. Johnsen, like her husband, is a native of Denmark, and first saw the light January 14, 1837. She grew to womanhood in the land of her birth, and came to America the year of her marriage with Mr. Johnsen. To this congenial union have been born six children, viz.: George H., who married Mathilda Melgaard, resides in Spring Valley township; Mary I. is the wife of Oman Sorrensen, and also lives in Spring Valley township; Hans Peter, Martin, and Carl A. are at home, and Christina is deceased.

**R**OBERT A. PIERCE, ex-sheriff, is one of the prominent soldier citizens of Lincoln county, who is successfully pursuing farming on the fertile soil of Pleasant township. His skill and thorough practical knowledge of his calling have been potent factors in producing the present solid prosperity of this locality, and his farm, which is pleasantly located in section 21, is among the finest in the township.

Our subject is a native of Bradford county, Pa., and a son of Sidney I. and Esther Pierce, born November 22, 1847.

His mother died in Pennsylvania and the father then removed to Chemung county, N. Y., where Robert lived until he was fourteen years of age. The father next located in McHenry county, Ill., and while our subject was living there he entered the Union army, being enrolled in September, 1863, in company G, Seventeenth Illinois regiment, cavalry, as a non-commissioned officer. The troop was in camp in St. Charles, Ill., and from there went to St. Louis, Mo., where they armed and equipped, the men having their own horses. The next four weeks were spent in guarding prisoners at Alton, and then the regiment was ordered to Glasgow, Mo., which was made the rendezvous until the fall of 1864. The troop at that time was detailed to follow the Confederate forces under Gen. Price, and on this march participated in the engagement fought at Pilot Knob; after driving Price across the Arkansas state line, the company rode back to Rolla, Mo., and thence to St. Louis. The next move was against Jeff Thompson's detachment into Arkansas, and after his surrender the troops returned again to St. Louis, from where they were ordered to Kansas and put on duty guarding Indians. Mr. Pierce served first in the capacity of corporal, later as duty sergeant, and was mustered out as quartermaster sergeant of his company in December, 1865, at Ft. Leavenworth. He was a good and efficient soldier and served his country well. During his enlistment he was wounded twice, the first time slightly in the leg and later by a saber thrust through the shoulder, which was painful though not serious.

At the close of hostilities our subject returned to McHenry county, Ill., and the

following year led to the hymeneal altar Miss Louisa Stevens, a native of that county, and a daughter of Merrill Stevens, now deceased. He and his bride took up their domestic life first in Illinois and later in Franklin county, Iowa, where they remained until 1873, that year arriving in Dakota territory. He took up his residence on the prairie in section 22 of what is now Pleasant township, Lincoln county, and built a combination frame house and dug-out in which he installed his wife and family. After breaking up the land and improving it he removed to his present farm in section 21, which he had entered as a timber claim together with the homestead, and on this latter he has since made his residence. The farm he now occupies consists of 160 acres of fertile land and its cultivation proves both pleasant and profitable. The property is adorned by a comfortable house in which our subject and his estimable wife reside, the three daughters, who comprised the family of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, being married and established in homes of their own. Cora, the eldest, is the wife of Abe Duerst of this township; Minnie, the second in order of birth, married George Elliott, and resides in Norway township, Lincoln county; and Myrtie, the youngest, is now Mrs. W. Smith, of Canton.

Mr. Pierce is a man of mark in his community, and his standing as a good citizen is irreproachable. Several important offices have been entrusted to his care, and he has never failed to justify the confidence placed in him by the people. He has always staunchly advocated the principles of the Republican platform, and on that ticket was elected in 1890 to the position of sheriff of Lincoln county, serving in that ca-

capacity four years. He was postmaster of Silver Lake post office before it was discontinued, receiving and distributing the mails at his house, and for ten years has been a justice of the peace. Not only in politics does our subject take much interest, but he is also prominent as one of the moving spirits in the organization of the township in which he lives, as well as his school district, he being an officer of the school board. He is one of the "old timers," and has been closely identified with the development of the locality, giving his sympathy and support to every plan calculated to enhance the value, both socially and commercially, of the community. He belongs to Gen. Dodge post No. 69, G. A. R., at Beresford, and is now serving as commander of that post. He is one of the charter members of the Canton lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and also belongs to the Canton lodge and encampment of the I. O. O. F.

**G**EORGE WELLS RICHARDSON, well-known as one of the prominent farmers of Spirit Mound township, Clay county, in section 11, of which he is operating a valuable farm of 160 acres that he is the fortunate owner of, is a native of Rock county, Wis., born April 28, 1854. His father and mother, Alonzo and Cordelia (Hoyt) Richardson, were both born in New York, located after their marriage in Rock county, Wis., and left the Badger state in 1878 and settled in Spirit Mound township, Clay county, where Mr. Richardson passed to the world beyond, March 24, 1888. His good wife still survives.

George W. Richardson was the only child born to this union. He was reared

and educated in his native county and there married, February 22, 1877, Miss Kate Ellen Backenstoe, who was born in the same county January 27, 1855. Mrs. Richardson's parents, George A. and Ellen (Hoxie) Backenstoe, were natives of Pennsylvania and Maine respectively. After their marriage they settled in Rock county, Wis., and there he died January 25, 1894. Mrs. Backenstoe still survives as do also five children of their family of three sons and four daughters, of whom Mrs. Richardson was the third in order of birth.

Mr. Richardson during the latter part of his residence in Wisconsin was engaged in the mercantile business in Evansville, but since coming to Dakota, which was in the spring of 1878, he has exclusively devoted his attention to agriculture, and has constantly resided since that time in Spirit Mound township. He has taken quite an interest in local political matters and public affairs of the community, has held various of the township offices, and since 1884 has served as postmaster of Bloomingdale post office. Socially he is a member of the M. W. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have a cozy home and the family circle is completed by five children, viz.: Fred A., Claude W., Charles B., Lillian E. and Henry.

**J**ULIUS E. BEHNKE, a leading German citizen of Prairie township, Union county, is one of the most successful farmers and stock-raisers of which South Dakota boasts. His estate is pleasantly located in section 15, and there he operates his farm after the most

approved methods. He is now in the prime of life, having been born June 12, 1848, and is one of the three surviving children of a family of seven born to Gottlieb and Minnie (Sommervelt) Behnke. They were both natives of Prussia, where also our subject first saw the light of day, and emigrated to America with their family in 1855, settling at Galena, Ill. He was a farmer and rented a farm there on which he followed agricultural pursuits until 1871, coming in that year to Dakota territory and settling on a claim in section 9, of Prairie township. For several years they resided on this property, improving it, and then sold out and removed to Dubuque county, Iowa, on another farm, shortly after disposing of this property and locating permanently in Dubuque city, where Mr. Behnke is now living a retired life. His wife departed this life in 1885. The surviving children, besides our subject, are Sophia Fickbohm and Ernstena Steadman.

Julius E. Behnke was seven years old when he saw the shores of the fatherland recede as the voyage to the new world began. He received a common-school education in the institutions of learning which were afforded in Jo Daviess county, Ill., where he was raised to manhood, helping his father in the cultivation of the farm until he established a home of his own. This occurred in April, 1871, when he was united in marriage to Miss Kunigunda Schmidt, at Galena, Ill. This lady is also a native of Prussia, Germany, and was born in 1852. Her father, Leanhardt Schmidt, came to America about the same time as did the parents of our subject, and settled in Jo Daviess county, Ill., on a farm. He has since passed to the world beyond, but

his wife, the mother of Mrs. Behnke, still survives. A month after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Behnke came to Union county, Dak. Ter., and settled on their present farm. He built a little frame house, and in this, took up his domestic life with his young wife. The land was little better than a wilderness then, and the couple had a hard row to hoe, as their only worldly possessions when they came to the county consisted of a team, wagon and harness, two cows, a sheep, and \$15.75 in money. From this small beginning Mr. Behnke has steadily and surely risen by industry and perseverance to a state of affluence and plenty. So well has he prospered that he now owns 500 acres of land, 137 of which are under cultivation, and in 1893 built his present residence at a cost of about \$2,500. A finer piece of property with buildings to match it would be hard to find in Union county, and all the more credit is due its owner, from the fact that he owes it all to his own industry. He has interested himself quite a little in school matters, having been a director in the board of education of the district in which he resides for a period of twenty-two years. Politically he has always been a Republican, and has been active locally in the interests of that party, serving as delegate frequently to the county and state conventions. He has held the position of assessor for four years, and as a public officer has always discharged the duties imposed with marked ability.

To Mr. Behnke and his companion on life's journey have been born the following children: Minnie, Annie, Paulina, Edward, Mary, Lizzie, Bertha, Henry, William and Elmer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Behnke are members of the German Lutheran church



of Big Springs township, and take an active interest in all church work as members of that denomination.

ANDREW MARTIN, one of the best known Scandinavian citizens of Union county and Lamont's able postmaster, who is engaged in farming in Brule township where he has a beautiful home, is a native of Sweden and was born August 3, 1846, a son of Martin and Bengta (Nelson) Anderson also of Sweden. He grew to manhood in his native land and acquired a good, practical education in the common schools of that country. In 1868 he decided to try his fortune in America and accordingly emigrated to this country on the steamship Denmark, landing at New York, October 8, 1868, after a voyage from Liverpool which occupied eighteen days. From New York he proceeded to Manistee, Mich., near which town in Mason county he secured employment in a logging camp. In July, 1869, he went to Moline, Ill., and in the fall of the same year arrived in Dakota territory.

Our subject originally located in Spink township in August, 1869, entering 200 acres of land in two claims, one a timber claim. On this property he erected a cabin, hauling his lumber from Sioux Point.

He resided on his claim till 1871 when he went to Fort Sully, and on the 26th of July, 1872, joined the expedition under Gen. Stanley's command as a government employe. The expedition consisted of twelve companies of infantry, U. S. A., and about 150 civilians of all occupations, the soldiers being appointed as military escort to accom-

pany the surveying party in establishing the route of the Northern Pacific railroad. In this expedition he drove an ambulance through to the mouth of Powder river on the Yellowstone, and late in October of the same year he returned, after being discharged, to Fort Rice. Later, in 1872, he went to Cheyenne agency where he found employment at carpentering, fitting up Indian shanties, 150 or more in number, leaving there in 1873. He finished the first house ever built in Pierre, Dak., which was the first carpenter work done in that part of the territory. In 1874 Mr. Martin returned to Sweden, starting from the Cheyenne agency down the river on a flatboat constructed of cottonwood lumber in company with four companions to Yankton, being several days on the trip. He was absent in Europe four months, and upon his return went to Cheyenne agency where he took up carpenter work again on the Indian houses. He found employment in many different camps at this work, constructing in some as many as forty houses, and in the fall of 1875 he returned home and erected a new house for himself on his claim at a cost of \$400.

In 1876 a train of twenty-five wagons started for the Black Hills and Mr. Martin accompanied them. On arrival at their destination he erected the first frame house ever built in Deadwood, it was for Capt. Gardner and was finished in June, 1867. He subsequently erected the second and third houses there, building them for Knuckell & Mann and Jim Pencil, respectively. While on this trip he also constructed two bridges, one across the Whitewood river and the other across the Deadwood. While engaged in this work he was accidentally wounded in the knee by an adze, but not







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seriously. The help he employed on the bridges cost him from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per day. During 1876 he also turned his attention to prospecting and mining in the "Hills" and struck some good leads. He prospected carefully the ore-producing regions of Slate creek, Spring creek, Rapid creek and Castle creek, and he held a third interest in the "Erin" mine. He worked to many disadvantages in developing his property and at ruinous expense. In a stock company in which he was interested the expense sometimes ran as high as \$120 per day, with but two ounces of gold to show for it. The company paid miners a salary of \$7.00 per day for eight hour shifts, and car men \$4.00.

Mr. Martin returned to his claim in 1877 from the Black Hills, and on November 17, the same year, he married Miss Sophia C. Best, a daughter of William and Diana (Wise) Best, and a native of eastern Pennsylvania, born August 23, 1850. When but two and a half years of age Mrs. Martin's parents removed to Winnebago county, Ill., where they carried on farming for many years, and at present reside in Davis, Stephenson county, that state. Mr. Martin continued to reside on the homestead in Spink township until 1883, when he sold out and bought 160 acres where he now lives. He has been successful, and his farm is one of the best improved in the township. He farms to grain principally, last year raising 5,375 bushels, all of exceedingly fine quality. He keeps a fine grade of stock, and is in all respects a model farmer. He is a very industrious, intelligent and progressive gentleman, thoroughly American in his views and devoted to the best interests of his adopted country. He possesses

executive and administrative ability in large degree, and has a wonderfully retentive memory, which is a source of some pride to himself and friends. Officially, he has held many of the minor positions of the township, principally school offices, and was appointed postmaster at Lamont in September, 1895. He is the organizer and president of the Tornado & Cyclone Insurance company, a local company doing a prosperous business in its particular line. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have one daughter, Mona D., a promising and talented young lady, who has had every advantage in educational equipment. Politically he is a supporter of the principles laid down by the Republican party, and votes that ticket.

Mr. Martin's father died in Sweden in 1873, aged sixty-one years, and his aged mother, one brother, Nels, and three sisters, Mrs. M. V. Lee, Mrs. John Richou, of Sioux City, and Mrs. F. W. Draper, of Red Lodge county, Mont., came to America in 1882.

**H**ON. OLE HOKENSTAD. This name is borne by a prominent citizen of Dayton township, Lincoln county, whose life and labors in South Dakota extend over a period of more than a quarter of a century. During this time Mr. Hokenstad has been found standing on the side of truth and justice, and manifesting the true spirit of American progress in his business affairs and his connection with the advance of civilization.

The subject of this sketch was born in the kingdom of Norway, March 28, 1846, and was a son of Ole Hanson Hokenstad, a farmer by occupation, who lived and died in

the old country. Ole Hokenstad spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, gaining much valuable information in the safe conduct of a farmer's estate, as well as book knowledge in the excellent system of common schools of his native land. When he had attained the age of fifteen years, he was apprenticed for three years to a cabinet-maker to learn that trade, and after serving his "time," followed it as a means of livelihood for over a year prior to coming to America. Mr. Hokenstad early came to the conclusion that the country across the broad Atlantic was a better one than the land of his birth for the success of labor, and to satisfy his convictions, embarked in June, 1866, for America. He landed at Quebec, Canada, and came immediately to Monroe, Green Co., Wis., arriving there the latter part of the same month. He found employment as a field hand near the city of Monroe, and remained there during harvest, then locating at Janesville, of the same state, where he followed the trade he had learned in the land of his birth. For three years he was engaged there, and at the expiration of that time came to Dakota territory. He arrived in April, 1870, and took up a claim where the city of Sioux Falls is now located; however, his right to this property he relinquished, the fall of that same year, and entered a homestead in section 20, of Dayton township, Lincoln county. There his family shortly after joined him, and they have continued to reside on the farm ever since. For several years he followed carpentering in connection with farming, but since early in the 80's he has given his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits. His farm shows the results of careful tillage and cultivation, and the improvements in

the shape of good, substantial buildings reflect credit on his thrift and enterprise.

Mr. Hokenstad was married in Norway, May 17, 1866, previous to coming to America, to Miss Martha Gilbertson, and their happy union has been blest to them by twelve living children, three sons and nine daughters, viz.: Maria, the wife of Nels Hoff; Margaret, the wife of Gilbert Ringheim; Lena, the wife of Knute Halgerson; Gena, the wife of Gilbert Heggen; Emma, Thea, Ruth, Ohmer, Garnetta, George H., Alice and Winston L. Hanne died when but twelve years old. Mr. Hokenstad possesses in a good degree those traits of character that are so necessary to make life a success, and it is through these endowments that he has been able to make his way in the work to his present prosperous circumstances. He is looked up to by his neighbors for his sturdy, unswerving rectitude of character, and for his solid worth as a man and citizen. Politically he is a Republican, and has always taken an active interest as such in local affairs. He has held at one time or another, nearly all the offices of the township in the gift of the people, and for two terms has been a member of the board of commissioners of Lincoln county. He has been a delegate to nearly all the conventions of his party since the state of South Dakota was admitted to the Union, and in the convention at Aberdeen held there in 1896 was an active participant. Mr. Hokenstad has been a member of the lower house of the state legislature since 1892, being elected to the office that year and re-elected in 1894, and has acquitted himself in the discharge of the duties imposed in a masterly manner and to the entire satisfaction of the commu-

nity. Both he and his wife are zealous members of the Lutheran church, and Mr. Hokenstad is also a member of the K. of P.

Mr. Hokenstad's portrait appears on another page of this record and will be readily recognized by his acquaintances.

**H**ON. AARON CARPENTER, one of the early settlers of Vermillion township, Clay county, on section 18, of which he now makes his home, is a native of Vermont. His father, Jedediah Carpenter, was born in Surrey, N. H., in 1802, and his mother, Elizabeth Chamberlain, was also a native of the Granite state. After their marriage they settled in Concord, where the wife and mother passed to her reward beyond the grave in 1847. Mr. Carpenter subsequently came to Vermillion, and he died at the residence of our subject in 1888.

Of the three sons and one daughter born to this couple, Aaron was the second, and first opened his eyes to the light July 7, 1826. He was reared in his native place on a farm, and continued to make his home there until 1857, in August of which year he came west, stopping in Trempealeau county, Wis. The following spring he was joined by his family, and, with his wife and children, he located in Dixon county, Neb., and there followed farming until he came to Dakota and settled on the farm where he now lives. That was in the spring of 1861, and since then he has been a constant resident of section 18, Vermillion township. He has made many improvements on his farm of some 250 acres, and it is one of the most valuable farming tracts in the township.

The marriage of our subject and Miss

Kezia Russell, a native of Middlesex, Vt., born August 19, 1829, was celebrated in Concord, on June 21, 1849. Her father and mother, John M. and Sally (Foss) Russell, both passed away in Concord, and of the twelve children born to their union, Mrs. Carpenter was the seventh in order of birth. Five children have come to bless the married life of Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, viz.: Alba J.; Jean, who died when about four and one-half years old; George L.; Carrie M., the wife of Edward D. Cowles; and John A.

Our subject has been closely identified with the public life of Clay county. He was a member of the territorial legislature two terms, and sheriff of the county two years, and he was also a member of the first board of county commissioners, being appointed by the governor. In educational matters Mr. Carpenter has also taken quite an interest, having assisted in building the first school house erected in South Dakota, and on the question of temperance he is also on the right side. Religiously, both he and his wife belong to the Baptist denomination, having been reared from childhood in the faith of the Free-will Baptist church.

**R**P. BROWN, deceased, formerly a resident of Parker township, Turner county, where he was engaged in farming, was a native of Canada, and was born near London, August 2, 1829. When he attained the age of seventeen years he came to Illinois, and settled near Elgin on a farm, and there he was married September 28, 1850, to Miss Lydia J. Collins, by which union he was the parent of seven children, five sons and two daugh-

ters, viz.: Frank L., Charles E., Marian A., Addie C., Nathan C., Fred R. and George H. Mrs. Brown died in July, 1879, and he was subsequently married to Mrs. M. J. Wright, the widow of Thomas Wright, after which he continued to reside in South Elgin, Ill. In September, 1886, he came with his family to Turner county, Dak., and located where Mrs. Brown now lives. He was a Republican in politics up to within twelve or fourteen years of his demise, when he joined the Prohibition party. Religiously, he was a member of the Free Methodist church, which denomination he joined when it was first organized, and also assisted in erecting the first Free Methodist church building ever built. He passed to his reward beyond the grave in July, 1896.

Mrs. Brown, his widow, who survives him, was born in Greenbriar county, W. Va., October 3, 1844. She was a daughter of Michael and Sarah (Thompson) Shaver, both of whom were natives of West Virginia. The latter now lives with her daughter, our subject, in Turner county. Mrs. Brown accompanied her parents to Illinois, when about five years of age, and seven years later her father died there, leaving a family of seven children, the eldest of whom was but fourteen years old. She was twelve years of age, and assisted materially in the support of the family in connection with her elder brother, who, although a cripple, was nevertheless able to do quite a little toward the support of his brothers and sisters. She taught school most of the time, which occupation she followed off and on for a period of ten years. Her first marriage occurred April 5, 1876, Mr. Thomas Wright being the groom. He died December 15, 1877, and she returned to the occu-

pation of teaching. In 1880 she went to Nebraska to take a school, and was there married in Thayer county, November 16th of the same year, to Mr. Brown. With him she returned to and located at South Elgin, Ill., as above stated. They were blessed with one son, Elmer J. Brown, who was born in Illinois, July 31, 1886.

Mrs. Brown is the owner of 160 acres of land, which she rents, and is a member of the Free Methodist church, in which she has been an active worker, and is now a class leader. She is president of the W. C. T. U., and was also a member of that organization while a resident of South Elgin, which accomplished such noble work in the cause at that place.

**D**AVID REMILLARD, well known as one of the older settlers of Union county, who has successfully applied himself to farming in section 34, Civil Bend township, is a native of eastern Canada, and was born in 1842. He mastered the elementary branches of learning in his native country, and in 1855 emigrated to Dubuque, Iowa, where he found employment till August, 1862, when he came to Union county.

Mr. Remillard was one of four or five settlers who were the only inhabitants of this section of the territory, and he passed through all the discouragements and vicissitudes incident to the development of a new country. He has lived here during the Indian troubles with Little Crow, lost his crops, like other farmers when the grasshoppers were so troublesome, and has seen three overflows of the Missouri river; but, notwithstanding all these discouragements, he has prospered

and now has the homestead of 160 acres, which he entered when he arrived in Union county, all improved, and owns 160 acres more in Lake county, S. Dak.

Mr. Remillard was married to Miss Dinse Jandreu, a native of Canada, whose father, Noel Jandreu, now resides in Elk Point. They have thirteen children, eleven of whom are living, viz.: Mrs. Mary McKiel, Louis C., Patrick A., Nicholas, Mrs. Odeil Morrison, Mrs. Emma Steinbrook, Joseph, George, Fred, Cora and Paul. The family are members of the Catholic church. Mr. Remillard has been a member of the school board, and politically is a Republican.

**G**EORGE W. MARSHALL, one of the well-to-do and prosperous farmers and stock raisers residing in Parker, Turner county, is a native of "Old Virginia" and was born in Jefferson county of that state, October 30, 1825. He is a son of Thomas and Anna (Boggs) Marshall, the former of Irish and the latter of Scotch descent. They were both natives of Virginia, where they remained until the father's death, which occurred when he was comparatively a young man—only thirty-five years old. Mrs. Marshall's death occurred at Moline, Ill.

George was the second child of a family of four children, and passed his youth in his native place on a farm. When eighteen years old he started to learn the trade of a miller, at which he worked for fourteen years, the last three years of which time he spent in business for himself in partnership with John W. McCurdy. He removed with his wife, from Virginia to Marion county, Mo., where he remained a year and then

went to Dubuque, Iowa, to engage in the commission business, buying and selling horses, etc., for two years. His next venture was in Grant county, Wis., where he established saw and grist mills, in connection with which he did a little farming. After selling out his interests in Grant county, he removed to Platteville, Wis., where he operated a livery and stage business, and also prospected in the lead mines in the vicinity. Thence he went to Yankton, Dak., and drove a team for a year, later taking up a claim near Childstown, Turner county. From that time he prospered wonderfully, and in 1883 was the owner of four quarter sections. This property he sold out when he moved to Parker and purchased 320 acres in section 21, where he is engaged in farming, and also does an extensive business buying horses and other stock for shipment.

Mr. Marshall was married in Virginia in 1851 to Miss Sarah Heflebower, a native of Jefferson county of that state, and they are the parents of five children, viz.: Thomas F., of Oakes, N. Dak.; Virginia, at home; Jessie, the wife of S. F. Wentworth, of Parker; Charles L., residing in Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and Albert, who died when he was but two years old. Mr. Marshall is, and always has been, a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He has served five years on the school board since his residence in Parker, and also held the position of school treasurer in Childstown.

**J**AMES LOUGHRAN, well-known as an old settler, and one of Turner county's skillful, practical and successful farmers, in section 34, Daneville township, of which he makes his resi-

dence, is a native of Ireland, born near the city of Dungannen, county Tyrone, August 12, 1845. He was reared in his native place until he had attained his majority, on a farm, and, in 1867, left the downtrodden country of his birth and came to the land of the free. On arrival he located in Pennsylvania near Philadelphia on a farm, where he worked by the month until 1869, and that year came west to Iowa. In Jackson county, of the latter state, he remained until 1874, when he located in Turner county, Dak. Ter., and homesteaded 160 acres, a part of his present farm. To this tract he has added as his circumstances would permit, until now his landed possessions aggregate 800 acres, and all of this he operates himself with the exception of a quarter section.

Mr. Loughran came to this country a poor man, having but half a guinea in his pocket when he landed in New York city. For seven years he worked at farm labor, and then began his career in Dakota territory, in a sod house 14 x 20 feet. His present dwelling, which was erected in 1893 at a cost of \$2,000, is a fine house, and the farm is further embellished by good, substantial barns and out-buildings, making it a model estate in every respect, and one that reflects credit on the thrift and enterprise of the owner.

Mr. Loughran was married December 2, 1873, to Miss Catherine Ryan, a native of Jackson county, Iowa, and a daughter of William and Margaret (Leonard) Ryan, both of whom were born in Ireland. Mrs. Loughran was born February 15, 1845, and by her marriage to our subject they have become the parents of nine children, but five of whom survive. The living are: Mary,

the wife of Thomas King, of Yankton county; Margaret, Bernard, Ellen and John, the latter four being still at home. The deceased are: William, Hugh, Michael and William. The family are members of the Catholic church.

Mr. Loughran is a Democrat politically, and a strong supporter of the party's principles. He has served as a member of the school board, and during his residence here has made many friends by his honest habits and straightforward manner in all his dealings with his fellow men.

**J**ONATHAN COWELL, a well-to-do and popular citizen of Civil Bend township, Union county, engaged in the pursuit of agriculture in section 10, first saw the light in Fayette county, Pa., in 1839. On his father's farm he spent his boyhood and grew to maturity, receiving what education he could in the schools then in vogue, which was sufficient for practical purposes. In the spring of 1863, when he was twenty-four years of age, he left the parental roof and started west. He stopped first in La Salle county, Ill., where he was employed on a farm by a Mr. Dunnaway till the 4th of July, then he went to Boone county, Ill., and stayed with an uncle, and worked for James Alexander till fall, when he made his way to Stevens Point, Wis.

January 5, 1864, Mr. Cowell decided he would go to Dakota, and accordingly started, in regular emigrant style, for that state. He traveled the first two days of his journey in snow waist deep, and made about sixteen miles progress a day, and the night he arrived at his destination, February 2, he slept on the bank of the Missouri river, just



east of McCook, and almost froze to death. His first employment was in assisting Paul Packett in operating a ferry across the Big Sioux river. He tired of this, however, and, after eighteen days with Mr. Packett, he helped haul logs for Chris Maloney, at which work he continued six days more. His next employer was Jeff Cleveland, for whom he worked two months and a half. Mr. Cowell at this time possessed two small steers, and these he was induced to trade for 160 acres of land where he now lives, making the bargain with Ezra Carpenter. When he took up his residence on the farm it had been improved with a small hewed-log shanty, and three acres had been brushed, ready for breaking. He "bached," doing his own cooking, and as he grew to be quite an expert hunter had no difficulty in trapping rabbits, coons, etc., on which he had daily "feasts." He has lived on this property continuously, and, as Mr. Cowell says, "was always here, except when at a dance or on a visit to my future wife." His present farm consists of 360 acres, 144 of which are under cultivation. He farms exclusively, raising corn principally. He has been identified with the locality as long as anyone now residing in the vicinity, and withstood the grasshopper times and the overflows of the Missouri river. He was a member of the first grand jury in Elk Point, and has served on the school board. He is now a justice of the peace, having previously served four years as constable. In politics he formerly affiliated with the Democratic party, but at present is independent.

Mrs. Cowell, whose maiden name was Sarah McWilliams, was born in Ohio in 1852, and is a daughter of Andrew McWilliams, who settled and died in Allamakee

county, Iowa. She came to Union county in 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Cowell's wedding took place in 1870, and this union has been blessed with an interesting family of eleven living children, viz.: Isaac, Frank, Jeff, Charles, Annie (now the wife of J. M. Davis, of this county), Mary, Harry, John, Louis, Andrew and Almira. The deceased is George.

Mr. Cowell is a son of Isaac and Sarah (Hill) Cowell, both natives of Fayette county, Pa., where they were reared, married and died. Mr. Cowell was born on the farm where his demise occurred, the property having passed from one descendant to another for a period of almost a hundred years. The family consisted of the following children: Mathias (deceased), Jonathan, Neri, Peter, James (deceased), John (deceased), Mary, Jane Ann, and Amanda (deceased).

**P**ETER LASS. It is a pleasure to record the main events in the life of one who has attained an enviable position solely through his own efforts and exertions, and who, though close on to man's allotted three score and ten years, can still look forward to quite a few years of usefulness in his chosen field of labor. It is, therefore, gratifying to place before the reader a brief outline of the struggles of one of Union county's pioneer citizens.

A native of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, Mr. Lass was born in 1836, and grew up to fifteen years of age in the old country. He was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools of his native land, and in 1852 came with an uncle

to America. He located in Clinton county, Iowa, and worked on a farm there for three years, receiving as remuneration for his services his board and clothing. By that time he had attained the age of eighteen years, and decided on striking out for himself. He hired out as farm laborer by the month, and continued to make his home in the vicinity until he married, in 1862. This happy event in our subject's life occurred at Sugar Creek, when he led to the hymeneal altar Miss Regina Cooper. This lady is also a native of Germany, and was born in the kingdom of Prussia in 1842. After marriage the young couple took up their domestic life on a rented farm, and later Mr. Lass bought a piece of property in Jackson county, Iowa, on which they took up their abode until coming to Dakota territory. In 1870 he came to Union county, and selected the homestead on which he now resides, as a claim, and then returned to Iowa. The following spring, accompanied by his family, he located on the property, and has ever since made it his home. The first house he put up was a shanty made of cottonwood slabs, and the stove used for cooking was placed outside. As one of the first settlers in the neighborhood, he has been an eye-witness of the marvelous growth of the county, and himself assisted in the development of one of the finest farming sections of the state. The present prosperity of the community, however, was preceded by much hardship and privation, which the early settlers passed through unflinchingly, and our subject, like other of the pioneers, met with and conquered the trials of those times. He withstood the grasshopper plague, the hailstorms, in fact, all the hardships which any of the old settlers experienced,

fell equally forcibly on his shoulders. From the small amount of \$60, with which he started his career in Union county, Mr. Lass has accumulated a large property, and is possessed of a competence which will more than tide him past the time which must occur in every one's life. He is now the owner of 480 acres in section 5 of Prairie township, on which he is conducting a thriving general farming business, raising principally hogs in the live stock line and corn in the cereal. The farm is all nicely fenced, and is adorned by a large grove, which he planted himself. Mr. Lass, politically, is a Democrat, and has always interested himself more or less in politics. While a resident of Iowa he served as township trustee, school officer and road supervisor, and has also been a member of the school board of the district where he now resides.

Mr. and Mrs. Lass are the happy parents of twelve children, of the following names: Barbara Henle, Mary Henle, John, married to Miss Annie McGuire; Peter, married to Miss Mary McGuire; Anton, Joseph, Catherine McGuire, Bernard, Henry, Nettie, Annie and William. All the children have been given the best advantages for education by their parents, Mr. Lass believing that, as "knowledge is power," his children should have every facility for acquiring that knowledge. One son, John, has quite a reputation as a teacher and instructor. The family are members of St. Joseph's Catholic church, of Prairie township, of which Mr. Lass has been treasurer for a period of eighteen years.

Mr. Lass is a general reader and well informed on current topics, and a man of more than average ability. Were we to sum up his life labors in one word, that

word would be "success," for he has ably and admirably managed his affairs, and justly deserves the credit.

HON. HUGH AND JAMES A. LANGAN. Were these two brothers to withdraw their business from the town of Centerville, a lack would be felt in the enterprises of that thriving place, which it would take some time to supply. They are engaged in the real-estate and live-stock business, their landed possessions aggregating in the neighborhood of 7,000 acres in various sections of the country, and their stock-dealing interests are among the largest in the west.

The parents of these two gentlemen were natives of Ireland, from which country they emigrated in 1856 to America. They spent a short time in Chester county, Pa., and later on removed to Clinton county, Iowa, and settled on a farm near Dewitt. In this latter place Hugh and James were raised and grew to maturity. They attended the common schools of the district and made their home with their parents until they engaged in the drug business together in Dewitt, and this enterprise they operated for a period of ten years in connection with general farming and stock raising. In 1879 they sold out and removed to Crawford county, of the same state, and began operations in real estate and dealing in live stock, and this they still conduct in connection with their interests in Turner and Clay counties, S. Dak. They established themselves in Dakota in 1884, buying at that time about 3000 acres in the two counties, and this, with their holdings in Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, amounts to

some 7000 acres, as stated above. Langan Brothers are also known as among the largest handlers of live stock in the west, and they do a very extensive business in this line. They have on hand at this writing about 500 head of cattle, but have not stocked up yet for the winter, as during the cold months they feed on an average in the neighborhood of 600 head.

Hon. Hugh Langan, the elder, was born in county Donegal, Ireland, in 1850, and was about six years old when he accompanied his parents to this country. He is yet a single man and looks after the interests of the firm in Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and is well known and universally liked by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. In 1885 he represented Turner and Clay counties in the territorial legislature, and his record in that body is a credit alike to himself and the district he represented.

James A. Langan, who looks after the South Dakota end of the business, was also born in county Donegal, Ireland, in 1852, and was four years old when he came to America. He has been associated with his brother since their first business venture, and he has taken an active part in developing the enterprises in which they are mutually interested. He was married, in 1888, to Miss Mary E. Glynn, a native of Scott county, Iowa, and a daughter of Thomas and Anna Glynn, and this union has been productive of the bright little children, on whom the following names have been bestowed: Hugh, Cyril, and Miriam. James A. Langan is also a Republican in his political views.

That the members of the firm have

prospered goes without saying, and this fact is conclusive evidence of their business tact and good judgment regarding investments. They make their various enterprises fit together, and in carrying on their affairs display the utmost courtesy, a high sense of honor, and a desire to do well by those with whom they deal, while not neglecting their own interests.

**J**OHAN DOLAN is one of the leading farmers of Union county wherein he is a large land owner. His real-estate amounts to 640 acres, the home farm being in section 5 of Prairie township, which is well-improved in every particular and forms a home of great comfort and even luxury. In the accumulation of this fine property much credit is due Mrs. Dolan, who has borne a fair share in the good management from which it has resulted.

Mr. Dolan was born in county Kilkenney, Ireland, in 1840, and grew to manhood in the old country. When he landed in America, which was in 1864, he immediately located in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he found employment working by the day. After two years spent there he came further west to Wisconsin where he stayed a short time and then went to Dubuque county, Iowa, where he worked for a farmer by the month. We next see Mr. Dolan settled on his homestead in Union county, on which he located in 1872. The land was nothing but raw prairie and there was but one house to the north of his claim. Little claim shanties dotted the prairie here and there, but no improvements of a permanent character were to be seen. Mr. Dolan's first place of abode and shelter was a "dug out" and a

frame shanty later took its place. A part of the above is still standing and its presence recalls many memories of the hardship and privation the early settlers of the locality endured in the pioneer days. In this first primitive home he moved his wife and two children, and with part of the \$300 in money which he brought with him he purchased a yoke of cattle and started in breaking up his land. The first year he broke forty acres and put in a crop; then came the grasshopper plagues and hailstorms which destroyed the result of his labor and left him almost penniless. Mr. Dolan knew no such word as fail, however, and kept diligently at his work with an indomitable will, knowing that it could not always be so. The wisdom of this prediction is shown in his success as a farmer and stock-raiser which occupation he has followed exclusively. His present farm of 640 acres is composed of the homestead in section 5 of Prairie township, 160 acres, a quarter section in section 4 and the south half of section 33. Four hundred and twenty acres are under cultivation, and besides the fine buildings on the homestead, which includes a complete set of structures used in carrying on the business of the estate, there is another good building on the farm to the north. His life has been one of activity from the start, and he has been closely identified with the progress of the county as a whole, taking a particular interest in any schemes devised for the advancement of the welfare of the community and especially the locality where he resides. He justly deserves the title of an all around prominent man, and is held in high esteem and respect by his neighbors. As a member of the school board he has taken much interest in the establishment of good schools,

and for a dozen years served as a director. He has also been a road supervisor for the past eight or nine years, and politically is independent, casting his vote for the best man regardless of which political party he is a candidate of.

To the good wife who has been of such material assistance to him in making life successful, our subject was married in 1868. Mrs. Dolan was formerly Miss Mary Patterson and is a native of the state of New York. Her father, Ned Patterson, now deceased was one of Illinois and Wisconsin's early settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Dolan are the parents of a bright, intelligent and interesting family of eleven children, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Annie, Edward, Maggie, Mary, William, Frank, Sarah, Alice Bernadette, Joseph and Geneva; one child died in infancy. They are ardent Catholics and members of St. Joseph's church of Prairie township, in which Mr. Dolan has been an active man from its start. He is generous, honest and upright, and one of Union county's wealthiest citizens.

**EDWARD W. OWENS.** As an all around prominent man of Lincoln county, there is probably no one of its citizens who more justly deserves the title than Mr. Owens. He is yet in the prime of vigorous manhood, intelligent and well educated, and as such is highly esteemed and respected.

The gentleman, whose name introduces these brief paragraphs, is of Irish descent, but was born at sea, on board ship lying off the coast of Newfoundland. His father and mother, William and Jane (Byrnes) Owens,

were both natives of the Emerald isle, but emigrated from the down-trodden country of their birth in 1850, and located for the first three years in eastern Canada, at the expiration of which time they removed to Green county, Wis., and settled upon government land. Mr. Owens died there, but his good wife still survives, and makes her home in Hudson, Iowa.

William Owens was born near Tillehany, Wexford county, Ireland. His father, Edward, was a native of the same county, and married Miss Nancy Nail, who was of a literary family. Eight children came to bless their union, viz.: William, James, Joseph, Edward, Matthew, Jane, Ann, and Ellen. He was a carpenter by trade and died in about the seventieth year of his age. His son William, inheriting his genius, at a very early age constructed a cradle for Jane, the first-born child of James Byrnes, who twenty-two years later became his wife. For seventeen years William Owens was in the employ of a wealthy Episcopal minister. His principal duties consisted in taking care of his horses, and driving his carriage for him when he attended divine service. At about thirty-five years of age, having saved a small fortune, Mr. Owens embarked in the grocery business, but, having too much confidence in his fellow men, he trusted largely and failed. He then engaged in dairy farming, but rent being very high he found it difficult to support his family, and resolved to seek his fortune in America, coming to this country in 1850, as stated above. He was an Episcopalian, of a deeply religious and highly literary nature, and died at Postville, Wis., in 1889, in his eighty-fourth year, in the hope of a glorious immortality. His last words were, "Lamb of God."

Twelve children were born to Mr. Owens and his wife, but three have since passed from time to eternity. The living are Mary Ann Keen, James, Edward W., William, Richard, Joseph, Ellen Steadman, Lena Peebles and Emma Horn.

Our subject is the fourth child in order of birth, and first opened his eyes to the light May 22, 1850. He passed his early life on his father's farm, in Green county, Wis., and, after becoming proficient in the elementary branches taught in the district schools, he became a student in a select school, taking a teacher's course. After qualifying as an instructor he began his labors as a pedagogue in Plymouth county, Iowa, and taught there for two terms. March 12, 1873, he came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and settled upon a farm, on section 10, of Pleasant township. The land was, of course, unimproved, and the country surrounding one vast wilderness, the dug-out, which he built for shelter, being the only one in the township at that time. The privations and hardships of those pioneer days would fill volumes; but suffice it to say that his crops having been destroyed by hail and grasshoppers in September, 1876, he returned to Iowa with his family, and in Sioux county, taught school for about a year and a half in the vicinity of Sioux Center. In the fall of 1877, his timber culture entry being contested, he employed Hon. R. F. Pettigrew (afterward United States senator) as counsel, and the contest resulted in his favor. The spring of the following year his homestead was contested, and, in view of this, he decided to resign his position as teacher, and return to his claim, where he taught district school in his own house. When the day arrived to ap-

pear at the United States land office he took his witnesses to Sioux Falls, but he found on arrival that the contest had been abandoned, which left him in undisputed possession of his claim. He and Mrs. Owens own 320 acres, all of which is improved and in a fine state of cultivation. The old homestead he rents out and conducts his farming operations on the farm on which he located five years ago. During that time he had erected a fine set of substantial, well-arranged buildings, including a neat, commodious residence that is nicely furnished, and which is the seat of that true hospitality that "welcomes the coming and speeds the parting guest."

Mr. Owens was fortunate in securing for his companion Miss Louisa D. Mead, the lady who so graciously presides over his household affairs. She possesses a fine character, cultured mind and pleasing manners, and is a true wife and helpmate. The natal day of Mrs. Owens was April 4, 1846, and her birthplace New London, Huron Co., Ohio. She is the fifth in order of birth of a family of ten children born to Bradford L. and Deborah (Lyon) Mead, but five of whom still survive, viz.: Lucian, of Fitchville, Ohio; Levi and Mrs. W. H. Goltry, who both live near Beresford, S. Dak.; Mrs. Ellen Porter, who resides in Beresford; and Mrs. Owens.

Bradford L. Mead was born in Greenwich township, Fairfield Co., Conn., November 29, 1804, one of a family of three sons born to Jonathan and Hannah (Lyon) Mead, who were married March 5, 1800. Mr. Mead's two brothers were named Zachariah and Luther, and he also had two half-brothers—Luther and John. Bradford L. grew to maturity, and July 1, 1828, was

united in wedlock to Miss Deborah Lyon, a native of New York and of English descent. Mr. Mead was a well-educated man—a teacher by profession—and a descendant of one of Queen Elizabeth's physicians. Many of his relatives possessed considerable genius, one of his cousins being mainly instrumental in the invention of the cylinder printing press; and another cousin invented the "American chinaware." Mrs. Owens' uncle, Zachariah Mead, was a graduate of New Haven college, a distinguished Episcopal minister, who preached in the city of Boston and also edited a religious journal at Richmond, Va.

The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Owens were Charles and Deborah (Palmer) Lyon. They had a family of eleven children, only one of whom survives—Mrs. Abigail Johnson, of Fitchville, Ohio. The deceased are Charles, Seely, Daniel, Levi, Betsy, Luzetta, Melinda, Marcus, and two who died in infancy. One of Mrs. Owens' deceased sisters left an only daughter—Mattie L. Laughlin by name—who is a graduate of a medical college and now a prominent physician of Oakland, Neb. She married J. G. Arthur, an attorney of that place, who is a second cousin of the late President Arthur.

The marriage of Mr. Owens and Miss Mead occurred May 22, 1876, and two children have come to bless their union—Ella M. and Arthur M. Both daughter and son have been the recipients of every advantage in the shape of educational facilities from their indulgent parents, and are now students at the State university at Vermillion. Miss Ella has natural talent for music, and particular attention has been paid to the development of this branch of her education, in which she has made rapid progress. Mrs.

Owens was educated in the common schools and attended high schools at Colesburg and Garnavillo, Iowa. She became a teacher at the age of eighteen, and up to her thirty-fourth year was very successful in the prosecution of that profession, having taught as many as six successive terms in the same school. She also taught four terms after her marriage. The family are members of the Baptist church, in the affairs of which Mr. Owens has taken an active part. He has served in the capacity of deacon, and has been superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Owens was one of the moving spirits in the organization of Pleasant township, was its first clerk, and served as such for three terms. The progress of the community in general he is closely identified with, having come to the territory with nothing except his physical and mental powers, and growing up with the country, prospering as it prospered. As a justice of the peace he has served for eight years, and various other public offices it has been his fortune to occupy. As secretary of the Republican central committee, he joined in a call for a non-partisan county convention to nominate candidates to the Sioux Falls convention which framed the present state constitution. In 1886, without any solicitation on his part, he became the farmers' candidate for nomination for the legislature, and received twenty-two votes, being within eight votes of the requisite number to nominate. Again, in 1888, he was the leading farmers' candidate for the same office, but was defeated by means of fraudulent caucuses and proxies. In September of the same year he was nominated at the "farmers' Republican convention" for county superintendent of



schools, but, in an article given to the press a few days afterward, declined to be a candidate for the position.

Early in 1890 he began the preparation of a pamphlet on political reform, entitled "A Definite System of Organization and Co-operation, by which the Producing and Laboring Classes may Obtain their Share of Representation and Procure the Reforms they Demand." It was read with interest by many prominent members of the Farmers' alliance, and commended by the Hon. J. B. Furrow, president of the Iowa State alliance, in the following language: "I thank you for the pamphlet and the doctrine it advocates; I shall use it in my office—a brighter star in the good work of illuminating the farmers of Iowa." Mr. Owens was the first to conceive the idea and recommended the establishment of a political paper at Canton, S. Dak., on the co-operative plan, for the purpose of advocating the National and State Farmers' alliances, and which culminated in the establishment of the Dakota Farmers' Leader. He was one of the incorporators, and, as secretary of the company, negotiated a contract with city of Pierre, through Mayor Ward, by which the sum of \$390 was received for sending out a campaign edition of 15,000 copies, over the various counties of the state, for the purpose of influencing the location of the capital at that city. He was also one of the incorporators of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance company, of Lincoln county, and a member of the first board of directors.

In 1890 Mr. Owens opposed the formation of a new party, but when the Independent party of South Dakota was brought into existence at Huron, he felt it his duty to

cast his fortunes with that organization, and earnestly advocating its principles he was sent as a delegate to the first Independent convention ever held in Lincoln county. In the fall of the same year he was nominated for the state legislature and entered actively into the campaign, making several speeches, but the time had not yet arrived for reform principles to win. In 1896 he was elected a delegate to the Populist state convention at Huron, which endorsed the candidacy of Hon. Wm. J. Bryan for president. Mr. Owens is an ardent admirer of Mr. Bryan, and believes he is destined to lead the reform forces to victory in 1900. In January, 1897, he was recommended to Gov. Lee by many of the leading Populists of his county for membership on the board of regents. He has attained quite a reputation as a literary man, and has contributed both prose and poetry for local publications, besides having written much on the subject of political economy, etc., for the various papers printed in the county. Take him all in all, he is, without doubt, one of the best known citizens of Lincoln county, well-posted on current topics, and a fluent conversationalist.

He has made law a special study for several years, and intends shortly to apply for admission to the bar.

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**A** CHURCH OF ST. PETER, Rev. Cyrille St. Pierre, rector. It is with pleasure that we present to the readers of this biographical record a brief outline of the above church, which is situated in Jefferson, Union county, and the place of worship of the oldest Catholic parish in Union county.



The primitive name of the parish of Jefferson was Alascat, and it was thus known until the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad extended its lines through this section of the county, when the name was changed to the present one. According to the register of baptisms, marriages and burials, the first parish priest of the Church of St. Peter was Rev. Pierre Boucher, who was appointed by Rt. Rev. Bishop Grace, of St. Paul, Minn. Father Boucher was born July 5, 1821, at Lotbiniere, a son of Pierre and Julia Victoria (Page) Boucher, and was ordained priest March 27, 1847, in Quebec, Canada. His first appointment was as assistant at Sherbrooke, where he remained until 1859, at which time he was appointed parish priest of Notre Dame du Mont Carmel. For two years he pursued his labors in the latter place, then as priest of the parish of St. Alphonse du Saguenay until 1864, and then as parish priest of St. Raphael. In 1866 he came to the United States, and after his appointment to the parish of Jefferson, immediately took up his labors. Under his supervision the old church, 30x60 feet, was erected, as well as a sacristy, 14x20 feet, and a frame parsonage. Rev. Father Boucher was of a kind and generous nature, and worked hard and faithfully in this part of the country till the 12th of October, 1879. During this time he not only discharged his duties in the immediate neighborhood, but he traveled considerably, and in all kinds of weather, giving missions and attending sick calls for more than sixty miles. The parishioners of Jefferson will always remember his zeal and devotion, his many acts of kindness and charity, and the good he has done amongst them.

The next priest, according to the regis-

ter, was Rev. P. U. Brunel, who was pastor from December 28, 1879, to July 6, 1881. He was succeeded by Rev. H. Perreault, July 18, 1881, and November 18, 1883, Rev. I. H. O'Brian took charge. The latter priest remained only until the beginning of 1884, and the 25th day of the following July Rev. A. F. Bernier assumed charge of the parish. Father Bernier and his trustees, Ulrich Bernard, Thomas Rienteaux, Charles La Breche and John Collins, erected the fine brick parsonage which now adorns the church property, and April 30, 1886, Rev. Cyrille St. Pierre succeeded him as priest of the Church of St. Peter, and is its present pastoral incumbent.

Rev. Father Cyrille St. Pierre, one of the most learned members of the Catholic clergy of South Dakota, is a son of Isidor and Anastasia (Legault) St. Pierre, born February 24, 1845, and a native of the Island of Raphael, commonly called Isle Bizard, county of Two Mountains, province of Quebec, Canada. He pursued his first studies in the College of St. Therese, county of Terrebonne, then took a course in philosophy in the Jesuit's College of St. Mary, in Montreal, and completed his education by three years study of theology in the College of St. Joseph at Memramcook, N. B. After finishing the specified curriculum he was ordained priest in the Church of St. Joseph at Memramcook by Rt. Rev. John Sweeny, bishop, of St. John, N. B., March 19, 1873, and the 2nd day of the following September he was sent by Rt. Rev. Bishop Bourgette to Manitoba, where he labored among the halfbreeds and Indians for a period of almost nine years. During that time Father St. Pierre succeeded in erecting the church and parsonage at Bay St. Paul,

but both were subsequently destroyed by the flood of the Assiniboine river. In March, 1882, our subject, being invited by Rt. Rev. Bishop Marty, bishop of all Dakota, crossed the line into the United States, to the second ridge of Pembina, and there gave missions to the parish of St. Joseph. On receiving his appointment for the mission of Olga on the 29th of March, the next day he ascended the Ridge and planted his tent. Snow and water at that time of the year, made the locality very disagreeable, and the nights, which were always cold, added much to the discomfort of Father St. Pierre; but he braved all the hardships and privations and started in on his duties at once. He put up first a shanty of rails and sod, in which he passed the summer, and before winter he had succeeded in erecting a log chapel, 24 x 66 feet and also a house for the priest, 16 x 20 feet. In the spring of 1883 Father St. Pierre disposed of the log chapel to Mr. George Winter, of Pembina, N. Dak., for \$800.00, and with this amount and the help of his parishioners, he succeeded in building the frame church at Olga, 40 x 80 feet, and a parsonage 14 x 16 feet. He continued his labors in the parish of Olga until April, 1886, the 30th day of that month being appointed pastor of the Church of St. Peter at Jefferson, Union county, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Marty. For twenty months he made Jefferson parish his field, and then in March, 1888, though he was ill and physically unfit to undertake the charge, he was sent to St. Joseph to erect the parsonage and repair the church of that parish. On the 11th of December, 1889, he was recalled to the parish of Jefferson and has ever since been stationed here.

Father St. Pierre, on assuming charge

of the Church of St. Peter the second time, set about at once to agitate the cause of better accommodations, made necessary by the increasing number of families in the parish. The members of the congregation responded liberally, and on the 14th of August, 1891, he and the committee, composed of Messrs. Greuvier, Montagne, Authier, and Demers, signed the contract for the erection of a new church edifice with F. X. Babeuc, of Sioux City, to cost \$14,224.00. Mr. Babeuc, the contractor, broke ground at once, and began the construction of the church, and October 4, 1891, the first cornerstone was blessed by Rt. Rev. Bishop Marty. The ceremony was attended by a great many people, coming from Sioux City, Elk Point, and the country round about, and the collection on this occasion amounted to \$84.40. Mr. Babeuc vigorously pushed the work of construction, but during the months of October, November and December, 1891, owing to the inclemency of the weather, little progress was made. The edifice was entirely completed, however, by the 4th of February following, and ready for occupancy. Rev. Father St. Pierre celebrated the first mass in honor of St. Anne, to thank God and her for the success which attended this great undertaking, and on the 4th of July, 1892, the church was blessed and dedicated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Marty, Rev. Father Hopkins, of Sioux Falls, delivering the sermon. Among the priests present at the dedication exercises were the Rev. Fathers Lawler, of Alexandria, S. Dak.; Kennedy, of Garion, S. Dak.; Maher, of Mitchell, S. Dak.; Hogan, of Elk Point, S. Dak.; A. Billion, assistant at Jefferson; and Fowler, of the Church of St. Joseph,





DAVID BENJAMIN

and Gerlimann of the Church of St. Boniface, Sioux City, Iowa. A splendid dinner was served to the hosts in the convent of Jefferson by the Ven. Benedictine Sisters after the dedication. The church is a magnificent structure, one of the finest in the diocese, and its total cost, inclusive of all expenses of every nature, was \$17,802.05. The parochial school or convent of Jefferson parish was erected in 1889, and is a brick building of two stories, 24 x 53 feet, with a kitchen 18 x 22 feet. It was built under the direction of a committee composed of Messrs. Charles Labreche, Rainey Authier and John Connors. Mr. Labreche was chairman of the committee, and he donated the engraved marble in the front of the building bearing the date 1889. The house finished and furnished cost about \$4,000.

A few remarks regarding the situation of the parish will no doubt be of interest. Jefferson is located between two ridges, Nebraska on the north and Iowa on the east, and between the Missouri and Sioux rivers. The soil is, therefore, exceptionally fertile and beyond comparison as to its richness, and the farmers have for more than thirty years sown grain of all kinds and reaped abundant crops of good quality without the use of a fertilizer. The parish comprises territory about fifteen miles square and has a population of about 150 Canadian and twenty-five Irish families.

Rev. Father St. Pierre is deserving of much praise for what he has accomplished. His heart and soul are in his work and he has infused new life into the church over which he presides, and under his fostering care it is in a flourishing condition and its membership is steadily increasing. He is a

man of earnest, practical nature, of much culture, and is very popular with his people and is greatly beloved by them.

**D**AVID BENJAMIN, a portrait of whom will be seen on another page of this record, is one of the earliest settlers of Union county, in fact, one of the very earliest, as he located here in 1859. He is now a farmer in section 10 of Prairie township, and is one of the prosperous and prominent citizens of that part of the county.

Mr. Benjamin is a native of Nova Scotia, born April 13, 1832, and in that country grew to mature years. His father, Perez M. Benjamin, was also a native of Nova Scotia, and a well-to-do and prominent farmer and mill operator of that province. He was a member of the Canadian parliament for a period of eight years, and was also a captain in the militia. Our subject received his education at Horton, N. S., in the common schools, and when twenty years of age began life for himself by coming to the United States to seek his fortune. He first stopped in Wisconsin, and then in 1852 located in Minnesota, near St. Anthony, where he worked in the pineries for a period of seven years. In 1859 he came to Dakota territory, where the thriving city of Elk Point now stands, and took up a claim there. The country all around then was nothing but a vast wilderness, and the only human being (with the exception of savages, who were plentiful), was Mr. E. B. Wixson, who had a log shanty there. The first winter our subject spent in getting out a cord of wood for Mr. David Carson, a cousin of the famous "Kit," and the follow-

ing spring he hired out to Mr. Wixson as head cook and steward in the latter's log-shanty hotel. During 1860 emigrant parties began coming in, and in 1861 he secured employment with a surveying party engaged in laying out the land between the Sioux and Jim rivers. While engaged in this work the Rebellion broke out, and our subject went to Yankton, decided on enlisting in the service of his adopted country. He was mustered into company A, First Dakota cavalry, as a private, and was subsequently promoted to corporal. He had a squad of men on the Brule creek, protecting settlers from the depredations of the lawless savages, who stole everything they could lay their hands on, and wintered that year at Fort Randall. The next year, 1863, the company went up Crow creek to Fort Thompson, doing guard duty of various kinds, escorting mail carriers, etc., and were participants in the battle with the red skins at Falling Springs. The following winter was again passed at Fort Randall, and in 1864 Mr. Benjamin took part in the expedition under Gen. Sully to the Bad Lands, the regiment fording the Yellowstone river, and then back again, fording the Missouri, to Fort Union. All through the Bad Lands the troops were harassed by the savages. Fort Rice was the next stopping place, and from there the regiment proceeded to Vermillion, where they established winter quarters. Our subject was mustered out May 10, 1865, as second lieutenant of company A, First Dakota cavalry, to which position he had been promoted for meritorious service.

Immediately after his discharge from the army, Mr. Benjamin located on his claim near Elk Point, but shortly after traded it

for another one in what was subsequently the same township and whereon Mr. James Norton now resides. This farm he improved and lived on for ten years. In 1879 he started for the table lands to take a farm there on shares, but the grasshoppers got all the crops and he decided to return to his original neighborhood. For two years he lived on Mr. Norton's place and then moved to a Mr. Burger's farm on the Missouri river in Clay county for another two years. At the expiration of that time he bought his present property on which he has ever since made his home.

Mr. Benjamin, as before stated, is one of the earliest settlers of Union county; he has seen the country grow from a vast wilderness, fit only for the habitation of beasts and savages, to a well cultivated and populated district, and was one of the organizers of the county. He was the first sheriff and served in that capacity for four years and a half. He also served as deputy United States marshal in 1878 and 1879. He assessed the county for two years and served as collector three years, in fact, he has been closely identified with the development of the territory and relates some interesting incidents occurring in the early history of the Dakotas. He listened to the first religious sermon ever preached in Elk Point, Rev. C. D. Martin, a Presbyterian minister, making the address in the fall of 1860. Mr. Benjamin as a farmer has succeeded admirably and is now the fortunate possessor of 100 acres of land, which is nicely proved with good and substantial buildings, and stock and machinery used in tilling the soil. Politically he is a Republican and has been a life-long one, although he cast his first vote for president but four years ago;

this is explained by the fact that as a territory the citizens of the Dakotas had no voice in the choosing of the nation's executive, but being admitted to statehood in 1890 they are now accorded that right. Mr. Benjamin has been a member of the local school board, and also served as postmaster of Emmett post office from July, 1886, until October, 1893. Socially he is a member of the G. A. R. post at Beresford, in which he has been an officer—holding the position of vice-commander; he is the present officer of the day.

Mr. Benjamin was fortunate in his choice of a companion, gaining for his wife Miss Jane Taggart, a native of New Hampshire. The bride is a daughter of Leonard Taggart, of Elk Point township, a brief sketch of whom will be found on another page of this record, and was married to our subject September 17, 1878. Five children have come to bless this union, but one is now dead. The living are: George; Minnie, the wife of Morgan Williams; Harriet and Bertha.

**H**ON. THOMAS C. ELCE, state senator from Turner county, a prominent farmer, and a well-known citizen of Germantown township, in section 29 of which he resides, was born in Clinton county, Pa., September 3, 1843, and is a son of Thomas C. and Sarah (Bailey) Elce, both natives of Pennsylvania. The former was a shoemaker by trade, and carried on the boot and shoe business at Liberty, Pa., until about 1852, when he removed to Williamsport of the same state where he was foreman in a large sawmill. In 1855 he left Pennsylvania

with his family for Clinton county, Iowa, where he located and engaged in farming. He was of German and English descent, and died at the age of seventy-six years. Mrs. Elce passed her girlhood in her native place, her parents being Quakers, and lived to be fifty-four years old, her demise occurring in Clinton county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Elce were married May 10, 1827, and were the parents of ten children, as follows: Daniel B., of Williamsport, Pa.; Mary E., wife of Sylvester Hyman, of Parker, Turner Co., S. Dak.; William H., deceased; Charles B., of Parker; Benjamin F., deceased; Thomas C., the subject of this sketch; Sarah F., deceased; Emorine, deceased; Jacob O., of Germantown township, Turner county, and James T., deceased.

Thomas C. was the sixth child in the order of their birth, and twelve years old when the parents located in Clinton, Iowa, where he passed his youth from that age. He remained with his parents until the opening of the war, and in 1861 enlisted in company M, First Iowa regiment, cavalry, as a private. He saw active service for over four years and a half, was with Custer in Texas, and a member of Gen. Rosecrans' body guard at the battle of Prairie Grove, participated in Gen. Steele's raid on Camden, Ark., and took part in many engagements. He was honorably discharged March 14, 1866, as quartermaster sergeant, and returned to Clinton, Iowa, where he was married October 11, 1866, to Miss Sarah E. Edminster. She was born in Lycoming county, Pa., the second child of a family of seven children, and was about eight years old when her parents located in Ogle county, Ill. After their marriage Mr.

and Mrs. Elce resided in Clinton county, Iowa, where he engaged in general farming until 1869, and then removed to Mahaska county, same state, where he conducted a farm until 1873, the date of his arrival in Turner county, Dak. Ter. He entered the homestead where he now resides, erecting a small frame house 12 x 19 feet, and there he and his wife took up their abode. He now owns 280 acres of well-improved land, on which he also has a fine grove of trees. He devotes his time to general farming and stock raising.

Mr. Elce is a staunch Republican, and, besides being a representative of his county in the state senate at present, he has also served as county commissioner and is now acting as treasurer of the Finlay school district. He has always taken considerable interest in school matters and has been closely identified with the improvement of the educational features of his district. He was one of the organizers of the J. Carlton post, G. A. R., at Parker, and is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Elce have been blest with one son, John E., born July 24, 1880, in Turner county.

**J**ACOB SCHUCK is a good type of the self-made men who have risen by their own exertions to a state of affluence. He is the proprietor of one of the fine farms of Prairie township, Union county, lying in section 14, and here he is carrying on a good business as a general farmer. Mr. Shuck is a native of Scott county, Iowa, and a son of George and Mary (Van Duser), Shuck who were early settlers in the Hawkeye state, coming there when the now thriving city of Davenport

was a hamlet. The father died some years ago and Mrs. Shuck remarried and is still residing in Scott county, Iowa. By her first marriage she was the mother of two sons, our subject and John Milton, the latter now operating a farm in Adair county, Iowa.

Our subject was born June 2, 1845, and was raised in his native county, where he also acquired his education. He remained a member of the paternal home until he became twenty years of age, giving his father valuable assistance on the farm and incidentally gaining a thorough knowledge of all matters pertaining to agriculture. In 1868 he contracted a matrimonial alliance with the estimable lady who has for over a quarter of a century shared his joys and sorrows. This lady is also a native of Scott county, Iowa, and a daughter of Samuel Moore and wife, who both came originally from Ireland. Mr. Moore died in the Hawkeye state but his widow still survives, making her home with her daughter and son-in-law, the subject of this biography. Mrs. Shuck's given name was Maria, and by her union with Mr. Shuck has become the mother of ten children, nine of whom are living, viz.: May, the wife of Benjamin Payne, of Union county, has three children; George, Charles, Nettie, Bert, Perry, Inez, Harry and Carl.

Mr. and Mrs. Shuck after their marriage rented a farm in Iowa on which they made their home until 1885, coming that year to their present location in Union county, Dak. Ter. The farm they settled on was but roughly improved and took a good deal of hard work to bring it to its present condition. It consists of 320 acres in all, and 225 acres are under cultivation. Mr. Shuck is exclusively a farmer and has been quite



successful in his pursuit of agriculture, at which he has always been engaged. When he started out for himself he had absolutely nothing; but by faithful and persevering efforts he has succeeded and his property, which is adorned by a nice, comfortable residence, barns, cribs, etc., all of his own building, testifies to his persistent energy and enterprise. He has been a member of the school board, and in this connection it may be said that he is giving his children good educations, believing that "knowledge is power." Politically he uses his right of suffrage in the support of the candidates of the Republican party.

**I**SAAC N. MARTIN is an honored resident of Canton, where he is living, retired from active business, in a comfortable home that is the center of true and generous hospitality. He is one of the oldest settlers of Lincoln county, formerly being one of its successful farmers, and is now passing the evening of his life enjoying the fruit of his labor.

Mr. Martin's natal day was November 28, 1822, and he first saw the light in what is now Ashland county, Ohio, but which at that time was a part of Richland county. His father, Isaac Martin, was a farmer by occupation, and died in Green county, Wis., whither he had gone in the spring of 1850. Isaac N. was raised and grew to manhood on his father's farm in Ohio, assisting in its cultivation until he attained his majority, when he engaged in tilling the soil on his own account. Up to the spring of 1850 he continued carrying on farming in Ohio, but at that time purchased a farm in Green county, Wis., on which he resided until

1868, the date of his arrival in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. He entered a claim which now constitutes a part of the town of Canton, on which he took up his home until the next year, when he returned for his family to Wisconsin. On this property he lived for several years, breaking up and improving it, and then sold out and purchased another farm south of Canton, to which he removed. In the spring of 1886 he disposed of the latter property, and then settled permanently in Canton, having accumulated a competence and desiring to spend his declining years more leisurely. He has not mixed up in politics, except in exerting his influence in the cause of good government, preferring to spend his energies in sowing and reaping the sure gains of husbandry. He has, however, taken an active interest in religious matters and temperance work, and with his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he has been an elder for many years. He has been a supporter of Republican principles since the organization of that party. Mr. Martin also served as a soldier in the late Civil war for nearly nine months, being a member of the Forty-sixth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, company I.

The lady who presides so graciously over the home of our subject became his bride November 16, 1843, the ceremony occurring in Ashland county, Ohio. She bore the maiden name of Eliza Stone, and was the daughter of George Stone, who was a farmer. Mr. Stone removed to Wisconsin from Ohio with his wife, and afterwards to Iowa, where Mrs. Stone received injuries in a cyclone, which resulted in her death. He also passed to his reward beyond the dark river in that state. Mrs. Martin was born in Mifflin county, Pa., November 20, 1823,

and her happy wedded life with our subject has only been clouded by the death of four of the eleven children born to their union. The living are: George W., Nancy E., Thomas J., Mary Edna, Luther W., Milton M. and Clara J., and those deceased bore the names of Sarah E., Martha J., Frank B. and William C.

**J**AMES S. THOMSON, cashier of the Bank of Centerville, Turner county, is a native of County Fife, Scotland, and was born November 12, 1866. His father, John Thomson, is a native of same place, where he still resides; he is the senior member of the firm of William Thomson & Son, linen manufacturers, and one of the prominent and well-known men of Strathmegglo.

Our subject is the youngest of a family of nine children, and was reared in Strathmegglo, where he attended the public schools until fourteen years of age. Later, he entered Stewart's college, at Edinburgh, and at the age of sixteen he secured a position in the law office of Romanes & Munro, with whom he remained three years. At the expiration of that time he became cashier and book-keeper for James Murry, provision dealer at Leith, with whom he remained about a year, and then went into partnership with Keddie & Hood, of the same town, in the wholesale grocery business. Eight months later he left the land of his birth for America, which was in 1888, and came direct to Centerville, S. Dak. He was engaged first with the firm of J. H. Queal & Company, lumber dealers, having charge of their yard and interests for about two and a half years, and in 1890 secured

the position of assistant in the Bank of Centerville. He served in this capacity for a period of five years, and was then appointed cashier, which office he now holds, also being a director and stockholder in same. The bank has a capital of \$10,000, with a surplus and undivided profits of \$8,600, and does a general banking business, as well as making loans on farm property.

Mr. Thomson is a Republican politically and a member of the following orders: Masonic fraternity; K. of P., of which he is chancellor commander, and I. O. O. F., being a past grand of the latter society. He is a man of sound judgment and of financial talents of a high order, and his standing in social and monetary circles is among the best men of the community.

**G**EORGE C. THORSON. The agricultural element that has been so largely instrumental in the upbuilding of Clay county is finely represented by this gentleman, one of its native born citizens, who has a valuable farm in Vermillion township, of which he is a leading farmer and one of the most prominent citizens.

The father of our subject, the late Rasmus Thorson, was born near Bergen, Norway, in 1829, and emigrated therefrom to America in the latter part of the '50s and settled in La Salle county, Ill. There he was married to Miss Martha R. Dulan, also a native of Norway, and early in the '60s he and his wife removed to Dakota territory and settled in Vermillion township. He died April 21, 1883, aged fifty-four years. His memory is held in reverence as one of

the most useful pioneers of the county, who were very active in its development.

He of whom we write is the second child of a family of three sons and four daughters and was born on his father's homestead in Vermillion township, September 22, 1863. He was educated in the district schools and always remained at home assisting his father in his farming operations until the latter's death. He has 400 acres of well improved land in section 3, on which he has commodious and conveniently arranged buildings, and has fine farming machinery for the purpose of carrying on his farm labors. He engages principally in the cultivation of his land, raising grain and other products and deriving therefrom a substantial income.

September 30, 1888, Mr. Thorson and Miss Rachel Nelson solemnized their marriage at Vermillion. She is a native of this county and a daughter of Eric Nelson now residing in Spirit Mound township. Mr. and Mrs. Thorson's happy wedded life has been productive of four children, namely: Rosa M., Erick Richard, George Roy and Ernest. They are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, and Mr. Thorson has been a member of the school board.

**S**T. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH, Rev. M. Kennedy, pastor. This place of worship is located on section 19, of Spink township, and is one of the finest church properties in Union county. The congregation was organized in 1879 by Rev. Father O'Hearn, and was originally composed of thirty-one families, who worshiped in a log house in Fairview, seven and one-half miles from the present

location. The first resident priest was Rev. Father Brogan, now of 'St. Cloud, Minn.; he was succeeded by Rev. Eugene Sullivan, who built the first parsonage, and then the congregation was attended by the Rev. D. J. Hogan, of Vermillion, he being succeeded by Rev. Francis Flannagan, now deceased, and the latter by Rev. M. Kennedy, the present pastoral incumbent.

The church grounds consist of fifteen acres, on part of which the cemetery is located, and the church edifice is of frame and was built in 1879. The parsonage is also of frame construction, and arranged for the comfort and convenience of the inmates. The congregation is now composed of forty-five families, and is financially as well to do as any in the diocese, the members being all good, solid, thrifty and industrious farmers. They take much pride in the interior decorations of their little church, and justly so, as it is, as above stated, one of the finest church properties in the county. The statue of St. Joseph was presented by Mr. John Casey in memory of his daughter, Mrs. K. Mahan, and cost \$40. The statue of the Blessed Virgin cost the same, and was furnished by Mr. James J. O'Connor as a token of remembrance to his wife. The excellent library of 150 volumes, is the gift of the first communion class of 1894, and the ladies of the congregation gave a beautiful chalice, which cost \$45, and a parishioner presented a fine pair of candelabra. There is also a beautiful monstrance for benediction service which was the gift of the congregation, and for which they paid \$110. A complete and magnificent set of vestments is also the property of the church. The church proper has a seating capacity of 175, and the gal-

lery an extra fifty, making a total seating capacity of 225 persons. They have an excellent choir of nine voices. A memorial window is the gift of the Flage family, and the Lynch family monument was erected at a cost of \$270, and is a fine piece of work.

Father Kennedy, the priest in charge of this parish, is a fine representative of the Catholic clergy, and is a native of County Tipperary, Ireland. He is well educated, having obtained his learning in St. John's college, at Waterford, Ireland, and was ordained in 1880 at Waterford cathedral by Rev. Dr. Power, deceased. After locating for a time at home, he went, for his health, to Australia, by way of the Cape of Good Hope in a sailing vessel, returning home via the Suez canal. He came to America in 1890, and the Church of St. Mary is his first charge. Father Kennedy has one brother, who is now dean of Adelaide, Australia, and his sister is mother superior of the convent at Melbourne, Australia, being also mother general of the order in Australia, which is a very high and responsible position.

**A**LBERT WEILAND is an old settler and one of the prominent and influential members of the farming community of Monroe township, Turner county, in section 20 of which he owns 320 acres of fertile land besides 195 acres near Monroe. This township has been his home for almost twenty years; his memory recalls many different scenes from those that now meet his view when he looks about him, and he realizes the changes which have taken place since his arrival. He has been somewhat instrumental in ac-

complishing the result, and may well be proud of his connection with the development of a grand state.

Our subject is of German birth and parentage, having been born in West Prussia, January 19, 1854, and made his native place his residence until seventeen or eighteen years of age, gleaning his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. When he came to America in 1872 he located in Dane county, Wis., and was there engaged for the following four years at farm labor, three years of which were spent at one place and the balance on different farms in the neighborhood. In the spring of 1878 he arrived in Dakota territory and located on the farm whereon he now makes his home and where he has since lived. His estate comprises 515 acres, and all of this he operates and attends to himself. He commenced with nothing and is therefore essentially a self-made man. The debt of seventy-five dollars he borrowed, with which to pay his passage to America, he has long ago liquidated and has now a strong foothold on the road to prosperity. His dwelling is one of the finest in the township, and his estate abounds with good buildings which have been designed for the convenient and economical prosecution of the farm work. He does a general farming and stock-raising business, and has been very successful in the prosecution of his chosen vocation.

Mr. Weiland was married March 26, 1881, three years after he came to Turner county, to Miss Elizabeth Thullner, a native of Austria-Hungary, who has been a resident of the United States since fourteen years of age. To this congenial union has been born a family of eight children, six

sons and two daughters, of whom we note the following: The eldest child died in infancy, then in the order of their birth comes Joseph, George, Katie, John, deceased, Clara, Albert and Frank. The family, religiously, are members of the Catholic church, and our subject politically affiliates with the Democrats, which party has always received his support at the polls. He is now township treasurer, which office he has held for the last three years, and has discharged the duties imposed with marked ability.

**O**LE T. BRANDHAGEN, a prominent, enterprising and successful Scandinavian farmer and stock raiser of Grant township, Lincoln county, is a native of Norway, and was born near Christiania, in 1852. His parents, Thorston and Mary Brandhagen, were married in the land of their birth, and in 1861 departed with their family for free America, locating near Decorah, Iowa, where they later died. The family record, in the order of the birth of the children, is as follows: Peter, deceased; Andrew, married and a resident of Iowa; Nels, living with his family in Bosque county, Texas; Carrie, deceased, who came alone to America in 1859 and was married to Hans Gulbrandson; a family survives her; Annie, deceased, formerly the wife of Martin Lovstuen, of Iowa; Isabel, who married Truls Enger and now resides in Iowa; Ole T., the subject of this biography; Jorger, who lives in Hyde county, S. Dak.

Ole T. was reared in Decorah, Winnebiek Co., Iowa, where his father carried on general farming, and in 1874, when he had grown to manhood, came to Dakota terri-

tory, locating a timber claim and homestead. He remained on his land and taught school, and later returned to Iowa, where he was united in marriage, to Miss Mary Lovstuen, who accompanied him back to his home in Dakota. They are the parents of six children, viz.: Hilman, Oscar, Adolph, Conrad, Elmer and Willie. Their beautiful home is typical of the thrift and enterprise of its occupants, who braved and suffered the hardships and discouragements incident to the development of a new country, which only those who have had experience know anything of. Mr. Brandhagen is a Republican in his political faith. He taught school five terms in Lincoln county, two terms before and three after his marriage, and for six years during his early residence held the position of county commissioner. He has served as clerk of the township in which he has resided since 1886 and has been a member of the school board of his district since the erection of the first building devoted to educational purposes. He and family are members of the United Norwegian church.

**H**ON. JOHN LARSON, a prominent farmer and merchant of Union county, and one of the brave soldiers who entered the army during the Civil war and fought for the defence of our country, has a good-sized farm in section 22, of Spink township, that is under fine cultivation and substantially improved, and here, also, he has a general store in which he carries a very complete stock of merchandise.

Mr. Larson is a native of far-away Norway, and was born July 27, 1843. He was reared in his native land and received an

education in the excellent common schools of his mother country. In the spring of 1861, he came to the land of the free, and after landing started directly west. He stopped in Dane county, Wis., where he found work on farms by the month. It was while he was a resident there that he enlisted in the army. Although he had been in the country but about a year, when the war broke out, his spirit of right and wrong was aroused, and, considering the cause of the Union as right, accordingly offered his services in upholding that cause. He was mustered into company H, Twenty-seventh Wisconsin regiment, infantry, as private, and the regiment was at once transferred to the front, joining Gen. Grant's command at Columbus, Ky., and then proceeding to Vicksburg. They participated in the siege of the latter place until its fall, and were then sent to Helena, Ark., under Gen. Steele; from there a detachment of troops started after the rebel forces which were under Gen. Price, and succeeded in driving them out of Little Rock, where they then established winter quarters. Our subject was there taken sick, and in May, 1864, was sent home on a furlough, rejoining his regiment at the same place in August following. The regiment next proceeded to New Orleans and thence to Spanish Fort, taking part in the engagement at the latter at the latter place, and then marched to Mobile. They constructed some breastworks while on the march through Alabama, and later on, participated in the battle of Fort Blakely. Marching and counter-marching was indulged in then for some time, becoming entrenched on the Tombigbee river and then marching within three miles of Mobile. The regiment was next ordered to Texas,

there they remained until August 21, 1865, when our subject was sent home and discharged. During his entire term of enlistment he was never wounded nor captured by the enemy, and served his adopted country long and faithfully.

After the war Mr. Larson remained in Wisconsin until 1867, when he came to Dakota Territory. In the fall of that year he came to Union county, first working out and later taking up the claim on which he has since continued to reside. After he had built a house he hired some of his land broke, and then the summer of the following year went to work on the railroad. This he continued until the next year when he returned to Wisconsin and was there married to Miss Ingeborg A. Linass. This young lady was a native of Norway, and after their marriage Mr. Larson and his bride returned to Dakota territory and settled on his homestead, where they have lived ever since. The estate consists of 320 acres (the home farm) and 160 acres of school land, and bears a full line of improvements, including every convenient arrangement in the way of buildings and the adornments with which people of good taste surround themselves. The land is carefully and thoroughly tilled and made to produce abundantly.

Mr. Larson established the Spink post-office in 1872, and was postmaster until January, 1895, a period of over twenty-three years. In 1888 he laid the foundation of the extensive mercantile business he now conducts, starting his store that year, and he now has a fine and complete stock of general goods which his large and growing patronage justifies him in carrying. He enjoys the honor merited by his useful life

and has served in various positions of public trust in connection with the administration of local affairs, having been a member of the school board and its present clerk. He was elected to the territorial legislature in 1884, serving one term, and in 1894 was a candidate for the office of treasurer of Union county on the Populist ticket. He was previously a Republican, but is now independent on political issues.

Mr. and Mrs. Larson have been blessed in their married life by the advent of seven children, viz.: Lewis Albert, Annie Mary, Ida J., Andrew John, Edward M. and Lizzie O. Ingeborg Sophia, the deceased, was the wife of C. Braastad, and died in January, 1894. All the children are having their education carefully looked after by their indulgent parents. Lewis Albert is a student at the state university at Vermillion and the two elder girls of the family are attending the normal school at Sioux Falls. Mr. Larson and his amiable wife are among the leading members of the Lutheran church of Spink township, in which Mr. Larson has filled the position of secretary for years, and they are always among the foremost in pushing forward every good work.

**G**EORGE W. WOODWORTH is prosperously pursuing his calling as a farmer in Spirit Mound township, Clay county, where he is held in high esteem for his good citizenship. He is a native of Wisconsin, the place of his birth being in Prairie du Sac, Sauk county, and the date thereof October 3, 1843. His father and mother, Samuel and Julia (Skin-

ner) Woodworth, were married in the Badger state, and there lived until 1857, at which time they removed to Freeborn county, Minn., and in 1870 came from there to Clay county, Dak. Ter. They located in Spirit Mound township, and there both passed from time to eternity.

Of the family of seven sons and three daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth, our subject was the seventh. He passed his early life in his native county, being thirteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Minnesota, and in the latter state he continued to reside until 1866, when he left the parental roof and started further west. He spent some time in Montana, and remained on the Pacific coast and in the western country till the spring of 1869, at which time he arrived in Dakota territory, and in May, of the same year, purchased a tract of land in Spirit Mound township, which is a part of his present estate. His landed possessions at the present time foot up 880 acres, and on this property he has made some valuable improvements.

Mr. Woodworth was married in Yankton county, October 18, 1874, to Miss Perrilla Morey, a daughter of the late Milton Morey, who was an old settler of Yankton county. Mrs. Woodworth was born in Livingston county, N. Y., and by her marriage to our subject has become the mother of five living children, viz.: Milton M., Elsie P., Raymond F., Harry L. and Lloyd J. Two children died in infancy. Mr. Woodworth has been a member of the town board, and has also served as township treasurer, and in all local matters takes a prominent part. Socially he holds membership in the Masonic fraternity.



JOSEPH BALLWEG is one of the representative farmers and stock raisers of Turner county, and has been a conspicuous figure in the development and extension of its great agricultural interests. No man has done more to promote the material welfare of Monroe township than he, of which he has been a resident for more than sixteen years.

Mr. Ballweg was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 1, 1840, and passed his boyhood and grew to maturity there. He remained at home until he had attained his majority, assisting his father on the farm, and then worked out by the year. During his early manhood he enlisted in the Bavarian army, and participated in the war with Austria in 1866. He was discharged from service two years later, and returned home, being married the same year to Miss Eva Rosena Heibuber, a native of the Grand Duchy of Baden, where she was born March 3, 1843. She was an orphan, both her parents having passed from time to eternity when she was quite young. After their marriage Mr. Ballweg and his bride emigrated to America and located near Madison, in Dane county, Wis., where he found employment for the first two years, working out by the month on a farm. The following eleven years he operated a rented farm in the same county in the Badger state, and then, in 1879, he came to Turner county, Dak. Ter. After investigating the lay of the country a little he decided on locating on the 160 acres which now constitutes a part of his present farm, and he also entered a timber claim in section 10, of the same township. His present estate consists of 715 acres, all in Monroe township, and there is no better equipped or more desirable farm in this section of the

country than his. He has devoted himself to the improvement of his estate, and has erected an ample and commodious set of farm buildings on his homestead, in which he and his family live a happy life. Mr. Ballweg is essentially a self-made man, as all he has and is he has made himself since coming to America, besides paying a debt of \$60, which he borrowed to come here, ably assisted by his estimable wife, who has been no unimportant factor in his prosperity. He does a general farming and stock raising business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballweg are the parents of nine living children, viz.: Frank, Mary, Anna, Rosa, Joseph, John, Katie, Peter and Maggie. The deceased are Thomas and Phenia, who died in infancy. The family are members of the Catholic church, and in political views Mr. Ballweg affiliates with the Democrats. He is also a member of the school board.

HANS A. SKIE is one of the men who profit by tilling the soil and raising stock in Lincoln county. The portion of Grant township to which he holds title, consists of 320 acres on section 14, his original claim, to which he has added by purchase 200 acres more, making 520 acres, the most of which he attributes to himself.

Our subject first saw the light in Norway, near the capital city of Christiania in 1845. In his native land he was reared to manhood, surrounded by home influences, and in the common schools acquired a good, practical education. From his seventeenth year he followed a sea-faring life, crossing



the Atlantic as a sailor on some fifteen different occasions, but it was not until 1870 that he decided to make a permanent home in the land of the free. That year, however, he located at Decorah, Iowa, remaining there four or five years, and then came to Lincoln county, Dak., entering a timber as well as a homestead claim. His first place of shelter was a sod shanty, which he erected and lived in until 1876, then he constructed a larger house of the same material, and was married to Miss Bertie Herwig, a young lady, who came to Lincoln county that same year. As man and wife they took up their place of abode in the primitive sod cabin, and, besides the hardships naturally the lot of a settler in a comparatively new country, they were destined to suffer many other privations and discouragements, having their crops devastated by grasshoppers and prairie fires in summer, and in winter isolated from the rest of the community by heavy snow storms and severe blizzards. Mr. and Mrs. Skie have been blest with a family of three children—Andrew, Henry, and Matilda, and all the family are devout Christians, and members of the Lutheran church. Politically, our subject staunchly supports the doctrines of the Republican party. No man stands higher in the respect of his fellow citizens; he has been influential in public affairs, taking an intelligent interest in all that concerned his locality, and his public spirit has helped to forward many plans devised for its advancement. He has been honored at different times with all the offices of the township in the gift of the people, has served on the school board since its organization, and is now a director of the Mutual Fire Insurance company of Lincoln county, a local

company established for the insuring of farmers' property in the vicinity of its office.

Mr. Skie was the only one of the parental family who came to America, and in 1891 he decided to pay a visit to the land of his birth. He accordingly embarked for his native country, and landed at his destination. Things naturally had changed since he was there last, but the greatest misfortune he was called upon to endure, was the death of his father, who had passed beyond the dark river to the shore from whence no traveler returns, during his period of absence. The aged mother still survives and lives in the old country, where also the brothers and sisters of our subject reside on farms with their families. The children besides Hans A., who was the eldest, are Andrew, Bernt, John and Mattie, who is the wife of Edward Erickson.

**H**IRAM BARSE, who has a fine farm of 360 acres in section 30, German-town township, Turner county, came to the territory of Dakota in 1880, at which time he bought the farm where he now resides. His land is all under cultivation, and he devotes his time to general farming, at which he has been very successful.

Mr. Barse is a native of Herkimer county, N. Y. He was born October 26, 1824, and is a son of George and Catherine (Wol-laver) Barse. The former was born in New York, in 1800, and by occupation was a farmer and stonemason. He died in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., aged seventy-six years. Mrs. Barse was born in New York of German descent, and died in her native state, aged eighty-two years.

Hiram was the second child of a family of eight children, and was reared in his native place. Coming west in 1852, he located at Osceola, Wis., in the lumber region, working in the woods in winter and on the rivers in summer. Later on he took up rafting and steam-boating on the Mississippi river, which he followed as a business for thirty years, fifteen years of which time he was captain of the boat. Then he came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., as stated above. Mr. Barse was married in 1876 to Catherine Mace, a native of Germany, who came to America with her parents when but four years of age. They have no children. Mr. Barse is a staunch Republican in his political views, and is also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

**W**ILLIAM BELKEY. A prominent position as a citizen and member of the farming community of Big Springs township, Union county, is held by the gentleman above named. He is of German parentage and birth and brought to this country the habits of thrift and economy characteristic of the children of the fatherland.

Mr. Belkey was born in the province of Pomerania, March 2, 1847, and was raised in his native country until he had attained the age of eighteen years, acquiring during that time a good solid education which is the birth-right of every child of the fatherland. June 17, 1866, he first set foot on American soil, landing at the city of Baltimore, Md. From that city he went to Wisconsin, where he took up the occupation of farming in Green Lake county, working out by the

month, until he had saved enough to pay for a farm of his own. When he had acquired sufficient funds he bought a piece of property in Waupaca county of the same state, and on this he continued to reside for a period of seven years, leaving there to go to Cedar Falls, Blackhawk Co., Iowa, where he engaged in teaming the following four years. At the expiration of that time, which was in 1877, he located on his present farm, consisting then of nothing but raw prairie land. He is now the fortunate owner of 160 acres, all of which he has developed and improved himself. The first five years he and his family lived in a dugout, 12 x 18 feet, and then he built his present commodious residence, which at that time, was the largest in the locality. This latter has cost him over \$1,500, and is a model in its way, surrounded by various other outbuildings, used in carrying on the general farming business in which he indulges exclusively, and a fine grove and orchard, which are of his own planting. He has also operated a threshing machine for the past fifteen years, and during harvest time does an extensive business in this line. Mr. Belkey possesses an inexhaustible fund of energy and perseverance, combined with good, sound judgment in all matters, and a capacity for hard work, which have been the only tools he has used in gaining his present state of prosperity. This is attested by the fact that he had nothing on arrival in Union county except those attributes, a team, and \$2.50 in cash, and everything he now possesses has been earned by the legitimate result of his own labor. As every good citizen should, he takes much interest in local affairs and politics, and has been a member of the school board, as well as holding the position of

treasurer of that body. He votes the Populist ticket.

Mr. Belkey was married in 1866 to Miss Augusta Bartz, a native of the same province in Germany in which he was born, she coming to America the same year our subject did. She was born August 2, 1846, and is a daughter of John Bartz, who now makes his home with his daughter and son-in-law, our subject. Seven of a family of nine children born to this union are now living, viz.: Huldah, wife of John Heldt, whose life history will be found on another page of this volume; Emma, the wife of Bert Knight, who lives in Alcester township; Lizzie, the wife of Weidler Hoover who lives in Hudson; Clara, who married L. Beverly, of Beresford; Augusta, Walter and George. All the children have had the advantage of liberal educations to fit them for the battle of life and Mr. and Mrs. Belkey are members in good standing of the Lutheran church, in which Mr. Belkey is also an official.

JOHN D. HEEREN, ex-county treasurer and postmaster of the town of Chancellor, Turner county, where he has a general store, is a native of Stephenson county, Ill., and was born December 16, 1857. He is a son of Jelle and Tillie (Parks) Heeren, both of whom came to America when quite young. They still reside on the farm that Mr. Heeren located on in Stephenson county when he came to this country fifty years ago. They were the parents of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, ten of whom are living.

John D. is the fifth child in order of their birth, and spent his boyhood days in

his native place, where he attended the common schools of the district for an education and helped his father on the farm. He remained at home till he was married, February 23, 1882, to Christina Akkerman, also a native of Stephenson county, born December 30, 1859. Mr. and Mrs. Heeren after their marriage came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and located in section 9, Germantown township, where he purchased a farm of 320 acres for which he paid \$2,800. He engaged in farming until 1892, when he was elected treasurer of Turner county and moved to Parker. In the spring of 1894, the town of Chancellor was located, and in August, 1895, Mr. Heeren opened the first store and was appointed postmaster of the place. He at present owns 490 acres of land, one quarter of which is in Parker township, and all of this he rents. Mr. Heeren was a director in the Finlay school township, which included Germantown and Parker townships, is local agent for the Chancellor town site, and agent of the United States Express company there. He and his wife are the parents of ten children, viz.: Matilda J., deceased; Annabelle, John, Elmer, Arthur, May, Myrtle and Mable, twins, James and Alfred L. The family are members of the Presbyterian church at Parker.

HENRY THOMPSON. This gentleman is a representative citizen of Lincoln county—a man who is widely known and highly respected and whose life affords an example well worthy the emulation of the rising generation. He started in life with no capital outside of his physical and mental abilities and

the good habits which he had formed, and is to-day one of the solid men of Pleasant township. To such men as he the entire community owes a debt of gratitude for the labors they have performed in promoting the development of the country and for the lives which stand out as lights in a dark place.

In tracing the history of our subject we find that he is a native of county Antrim, Ireland, and was born in 1848. He grew to manhood in the Emerald isle on a farm and during his more mature years learned the trade of a weaver. In 1864 he emigrated to America and located at Janesville, Wis., where he secured employment working on farms at \$11 per month. For five or six years he continued there, working by the month, and then started for Fillmore county, Minn., where he took a farm on shares and operated that for a couple of years. In 1874 he arrived in Dakota territory and immediately located on a claim which he entered in section 24 of Pleasant township. He built a sod house in which he installed his family, and then traded the only span of horses he had for a yoke of cattle. With the latter he started in to break up his land and get in a crop. Sixty-five acres yielded to the plow, and from this he got just seventy-six bushels of wheat—poor grade, too—the grasshoppers consuming the balance. For several years in succession these little insects applied themselves industriously to getting fat on the result of his labor, but he persevered and in time reaped the benefit. He then bought a farm in section 14 for which he paid \$500, and to raise this amount he had to sell his pre-emption claim for \$125. He hung on to the new farm, however, for a year, at which time he sold it and took up a home-

stead on the southwest quarter of section 12. Here again he was confronted with unbroken prairie land, and was compelled to erect a sod shanty for shelter, in which he and his family made their home for four years. At the expiration of that time he bought for \$600, 160 acres in section 13, and after proving up on his homestead removed to the latter farm. It had a few trees planted and was further embellished with a dirt shanty, but when our subject settled on it he moved his house from his homestead claim, and kept adding to it until now he has a nice comfortable residence. Among the out-buildings he has constructed is a nice dairy and spacious barns, together with wind-mills and various other improvements in the way of labor saving machinery for the economical management of the estate. He is essentially a self-made man and what he now possesses he has acquired through his own industry. His 480 acres of land are all improved, and what he does not use himself for carrying on his general farming business, he rents out and derives a nice little income therefrom.

Mr. Thompson was married in 1872 to Miss Mary Anderson Romerine, a native of Norway, and to this union has been born a family of nine children, viz.: Betsy, Annie, John, Mollie, Thomas, who died August 10, 1896, from the effects of a kick received from a horse; Mary, Robert, Emma and Bertha. The children are all being fitted for their battle of life with good educations, and Mollie is now a student at Augustana college, Canton.

In politics Mr. Thompson is a stalwart Republican and has held a number of public offices. He has been a member of the board of school directors and also a road





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overseer, as well as a member of the town board. He is public spirited and progressive, and has helped materially in erecting churches, etc., and staunchly supports any feasible plan which will tend to advance the public welfare. He is a valued and respected citizen and a representative man of the community in which he makes his home.

**H**JALMAR HOLMGREN, A. M., M. D. In a state as large as South Dakota, where the medical profession is represented by so many men of theoretical knowledge and practical skill, it would be hard indeed to determine who stands in the front rank. It will not be disputed, however, that Dr. Holmgren has a high standing as physician and surgeon, not only among the people, but among his medical brethren; and although he has been a resident of Canton but a comparatively short time, he has become well known throughout the state, western Minnesota, Nebraska and a large part of Iowa, as a skillful operator and an honest and painstaking medical practitioner.

Dr. Holmgren was born in Stockholm, Sweden, February 21, 1864, and was reared in his native country, where he was afforded many advantages for a liberal education. His father, Hjalmar Holmgren, Ph. D., was at one time a member of the cabinet of Sweden. He was a professor of mathematics at the Royal university for over forty years, and died in Stockholm in 1885. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Andreas Holmgren, was chaplain of the court, and lived to be ninety years of age. Hjalmar Holmgren, Jr., possessed many of the excellent traits of character which marked the

popular life of his father. He became a student early in life, and when but fifteen years old received the degree of bachelor of arts, at eighteen the degree of master of arts, and after that studied medicine and made several trips to various institutions of learning of Europe in scientific research and discovery. After his arrival in the United States, in 1890, he took a course of study in the Beaumont Hospital Medical college, of St. Louis, from which he graduated with the highest honors, standing No. 1 in the class of '91. The Doctor then located in Ishpeming, Mich., and began the practice of his profession, continuing there until 1893, when the iron mines were temporarily closed. That year he located at Alcester, Union Co., S. Dak., but only remained there a short time prior to his coming to Canton, where he was called by the surrounding people, who founded a hospital to better facilitate his work in caring for the sick.

Dr. Holmgren has been actively engaged since 1895 in the Canton hospital, of which he is surgeon-in-chief, and a few words regarding this institution will doubtless be of interest to our readers. The Canton hospital is an organization incorporated under the laws of the state, capitalized at \$5,000, and opened its doors to the suffering in February, 1895. Although its existence has been of short duration, its success thus far has been remarkable. Up to July 1, 1896, 108 surgical cases had been treated, besides numerous cases of less importance; during this time but three deaths occurred, and but one of those was the result of a surgical operation. The institution has become quite famous, and patients from various parts of South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa,

Nebraska and Wisconsin have been successfully treated for different complaints. It is well conducted and ably managed, and open to all physicians and patients without regard to nationality or creed.

A portrait of the Doctor will be noticed on another page of this Record.

**R** J. AUTHIER, the well-known and popular general store-keeper of the village of Jefferson, is a native of the province of St. John the Baptist, Canada, and was born December 25, 1848. He is a son of Raney and Mary (Auclaire) Authier, both natives of Canada, who settled in Jackson county, Iowa, in 1854, where they made a permanent home until coming to South Dakota. Mr. Authier passed to the world beyond in June, 1894, aged eighty years; Mrs. Authier still survives and resides in Jefferson township. They were the parents of thirteen children, five boys and eight girls, two of whom died in 1881 from that dreaded disease, small-pox. Those surviving are: Mrs. Mary Rider, Dubuque, Iowa; Mrs. Josephine Beaubien, Jefferson township; R. J., our subject; M., Jefferson township; Mrs. Eliza Robida, Elk Point township; J. P., Jefferson township; Mrs. Victoria Trudeau, Black Hills, S. Dak.; Mrs. Virginia Couter, Jefferson township; Danat, St. Paul, Minn.; and Mrs. Celina Montague, Jefferson township.

Mr. Authier was reared on a farm, and, although his schooling was decidedly limited, he succeeded in acquiring sufficient education for all practical purposes. He lived at home till he was twenty-three years of age, and in 1871 was married to Miss Margaret Montague, a daughter of Isaac Montague,

now a resident of Jefferson. After his marriage he settled on a farm four miles west of the village, in Civil Bend township. The land was unimproved, and he had to break it and get it under cultivation. During his spare time he chopped wood and worked around until 1877, when he sold out his farm and moved to Jefferson. He had accumulated the sum of \$550, and bought out John Ableman's small store, which he conducted with L. O. Paridee for six months. He then built his present commodious store building, and was joined by Isaac Montague, his father-in-law, which partnership existed for three years. After this he took J. B. Brouillette as a partner for five years, when he bought out Mr. Brouillette's interest, and has since conducted the business alone. He has succeeded in building up a fine trade, all through his own efforts, and besides his store business, he deals extensively in farm machinery, grain and livestock. He was the first man to put a wagon scale in town, and has one of the best residences in the county, which is ably presided over by his wife, a lady of culture and refinement. He erected a fine elevator to accommodate his ever-increasing grain business, and is also owner of a farm two miles southeast of the village, which he rents for cash. He and family are devout members of the Catholic church, of which he has been treasurer for eight years; he also held the position of school treasurer for eleven years. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been a member of the state central committee for that party.

Mr. and Mrs. Authier are the parents of an interesting family of nine children, one deceased; all have had the advantage of liberal



educations and three are graduates. They are respectively: Raney N. married Miss Alda Lamore; Freeman married Louise Munsie; Ida married Peter Yerter; Laurence; Modest; Eva, deceased; Florence; Ella; Noah and Edna.

**O**TTO O. HERVIG. The agricultural and stock raising interests of Lincoln county find an excellent representative in the gentleman above named. His farm consists of 316 acres of fine land located in Grant township. This property is valuable, being well located, thoroughly improved and for some years under careful tillage.

The parents of our subject, Ole and Helena Hervig, were natives of Norway, and reared a family of nine children, of which we note the following: Bertie, wife of Hans A. Skie, of Lincoln county; Mary married Otis Solberg, a resident of Minnesota; Hans, deceased; Sophia was the wife of John Anderson, by whom she had one daughter, Annie, and after Mr. Anderson's death subsequently married a Mr. Johnson and now lives in Pierce county, Wis.; Carolina married Chris Bergen of Montevideo, Minn.; Magnus, a merchant of West Superior, Wis.; Lizzie A., of Marshall, Wis.; and Julia, wife of Mr. Venger. The father died in the old country in 1870, and in 1872 the mother came with six of her children to America, locating in Wisconsin, where she also passed away.

Otto O. was born in Norway near Christiania in 1851. He grew to manhood in his native land, obtained a common-school education to fit him for his life's labors in the institutions of learning in the capital city of

Norway, and passed four years of his early life as a soldier in the militia. Not until 1874 did he decide to come to America, where his mother and six of his brothers and sisters had preceded him, but that year he crossed the stormy Atlantic and went direct after landing to Decorah, Iowa, where he found employment and remained for two years. In 1876 he came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., in time to witness the last of the grasshoppers' depredations, and worked in the harvest field with a cradle for his brother-in-law, Mr. Hans A. Skie. That same year he entered the homestead on which he at present makes his abode. By industry and frugality he has accumulated a half section of land which he uses in carrying on a general farming and stock-raising business. In 1878 there was a destructive prairie fire in Grant township which destroyed his hay, barn and outbuildings; his wheat had been threshed before the conflagration, and, as he lived with his family at that time in a sod cabin, all the household effects were therefore saved. The hospitable dwelling that now shelters Mr. Hervig is presided over by an estimable and capable lady with whom he was united in marriage in Christiania, Norway, in 1874. Her maiden name was Miss Augusta Nelson, and they have six children living, viz.: Henry, Nettie, Ida, Edgar, Annie and Theresa; two sons, Nels and Ingeman, died when young. The family are members of the Lutheran church, and although Mr. Hervig's chief attention has been paid to his personal affairs and the enjoyment of domestic life, yet he has served his fellow-men as supervisor and clerk of the township board as well as filling the position of school director of his district for several years. He

is now clerk of the latter body. Politically he has always affiliated with the Republican party.

REV. ANDREW J. REEVERTS, pastor of the Reformed church in America, at Monroe, Turner county, is a well-educated young man and one of the promising ministers of the state. He is a son of John Reeverts, a native of East Friesland, Germany, who was born July 3, 1843; and came to America when twelve years of age with two brothers. They located in Illinois, and in Ogle county of that state, in 1865, John Reeverts was united in marriage to Miss Hauke Schaefer, a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Schaefer. Mrs. Reeverts was also born in East Friesland, Germany, October 8, 1847, and accompanied her parents to Ogle county, Ill., when she was ten years of age, and there she and her husband still reside. Her father and mother, the maternal grandparents of our subject, also make their home there.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reeverts, all of whom are living, viz.: Frank, of Ogle county, Ill.; Andrew J., the subject of this biography; Gerard, of Ogle county, Ill.; Fred, a student at Hope college, Holland, Mich.; Elizabeth, Mary M., Daniel and Hilke.

The gentleman to whom these lines refer in particular was born in Ogle county, Ill., January 20, 1868. He was reared in his native place until he had attained the age of seventeen years, gleanng such education as was afforded in the district schools of the neighborhood. In the fall of 1885 he en-

tered the Hope college, of Holland, Mich., as a student in the preparatory department, and, after graduating therefrom in 1888, began a four-years' general course in the college in the higher branches of education. On the completion of his studies in this institution of learning, he entered the Western Theological Seminary, of the same place, to prepare himself for the ministry with a three years' course in theology, and on graduation was immediately assigned to Turner county, S. Dak., where he was ordained to the ministry of the gospel August 14, 1895. Rev. Mr. Reeverts is just in the prime of a vigorous manhood, and full of ambition; his whole life and soul are in the prosecution of the calling he has chosen, and the ardor and enterprise he exhibits in his work are bound to produce good results. Although he has been but a short time in charge of the church at Monroe, he has won the confidence and esteem of the entire community, and is greatly beloved by his people. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party.

The graces of mind and heart possessed by Miss Dorethea L. Watermuelder, a native of Sheboygan county, Wis., won the deep regard of Mr. Reeverts, and after a successful wooing, the young couple were united in marriage, September 17, 1895. Mrs. Reeverts was born February 26, 1872, and is a daughter of Rev. Louis and Elizabeth (Kremer) Watermuelder. She attended the district schools of Ogle county, Ill., graduated from the high school at Foreston, same state, and also pursued a course of instruction at the Yankton college. She is a brilliant conversationalist, of kindly disposition, and wins the respect and friendship of all with whom she comes in contact.

JOHN J. LEASE, proprietor of one of the fine farms of Hurley township, Turner county, is one of the men in whose coming to this county all who honor honest industry and good citizenship can rejoice. His career has been marked throughout with persistent and faithful efforts to advance his own interests and those for whom he worked, and he has been rewarded by the acquisition of a good property and a high reputation.

The eyes of Mr. Lease opened to the light of day in Licking county, Ohio, near Newark, March 9, 1840. His father and mother, John B. and Susannah (Fleak) Lease, were natives of Maryland and West Virginia respectively, and were married in the latter state. About 1850 they came to Wisconsin and settled with their family in Green county on a new piece of land; later on they removed to Vernon county, of the same state, and in 1873 came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and located on section 29, of Hurley township, where both passed from time to eternity, Mr. Lease dying in 1878 and his good wife in 1885. They were both members of the Baptist church. Twelve children were born to this couple, and nine of the family, who grew to manhood and womanhood, still survive, viz.: Mrs. Eliza Benson, Mrs. Catharine Rockwell, Jeremiah, Mrs. Mary Gould, John J., James M., Mrs. Lydia Jones, Mrs. Delilah Mick and Mrs. Geneva Garrett. John J. was raised principally in the Badger state, and began when very young to make his own living, working on farms, in the pinneries and also at rafting on the rivers of Wisconsin. He was thus engaged on the breaking out of the great Civil war, and in the fall of 1863 he enlisted in company I,

Thirty-seventh Wisconsin regiment, infantry, as corporal. His brother William, who was killed in front of Petersburg, Va., during the siege of that city, was also enrolled in the same company and at the same time. Our subject participated in many engagements, notable among them being the battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, and the siege of Petersburg, and after Lee's surrender he went to Washington and took part in the grand review of the troops by the nation's executive and staff. He was there mustered out, and when he arrived at Madison, Wis., was honorably discharged. During his service as a soldier he was wounded in the back and slightly in the thumb, both of which occurred during the siege of Petersburg.

After the close of hostilities our subject began farming for himself in Vernon county, Wis., but in 1874 he came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and settled on the farm whereon he now lives, entering it as a homestead from the government. His estate comprises 1,440 acres of land, all improved, fenced, etc., and 900 acres of this tract are under cultivation. He began with nothing, and is essentially a self-made man, all he now possesses being the result of honest, industrious efforts, and strict attention to his own affairs. He raises grain and stock, and has been eminently successful in his operations as a general farmer, and still devotes his whole time and attention to agricultural pursuits. Politically he has always been a Republican, and he commemorates his service as a soldier by holding membership in the G. A. R. post at Parker.

Mr. Lease and Miss Helen Carnahan, a native of New York state, were united in marriage in 1868, and to them have been

born six children, viz.: Geneva; Etta, the wife of Edward Wilson; Phoebe, Mattie, Jesse, and Jasper. Mrs. Lease and daughters belong to the Baptist church, and all the children are having the advantages of liberal educations to fit them for the battle of life.

**O**LE ANDERSON is a man of progressive, enlightened views, and carries on his business as a farmer after the most approved methods. His farm, in section 9 of Spirit Mound township, is pleasantly situated, and its improvements are such as to add to the attractiveness of the place. Norway is the native land of our subject, who first saw the light of day April 4, 1839, and there he continued to live until fifteen years of age, when, with his parents, he emigrated to this country. The family spent the first year in Wisconsin, and then settled permanently in Allamakee county, Iowa, where our subject grew to manhood and was living at the time the Civil war began. For a year after the opening of hostilities our subject watched the conflict, and then deciding that the cause of the Union was the just and right one, he offered his services in upholding it, in August, 1862, becoming a member of company B, Thirty-seventh Iowa regiment, infantry. The battles of Nashville, Pleasant Hill and Mobile he was an active participant in, and he also took part in many minor engagements during his term of service, which lasted until the declaration of peace. His record as a soldier is one of bravery and fearless discharge of duty, and in August, 1865, he was mustered out and honorably discharged.

Mr. Anderson returned home to Allamakee county, Iowa, after the war, where he continued to make his home until his arrival in Dakota territory early in the '70s, at which time he settled on a homestead in Norway township. This latter property he lived on for a period of some twelve years, at the expiration of which time he bought and removed to the farm on which he now resides. His landed possessions consist of of 200 acres, on which he is doing a general farming business. The property is enclosed by neat fences, is adorned by various out-buildings, used for the prosecution of the farm work, and, being under good cultivation, is made to produce abundantly.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Mareth Anderson, also a native of Norway, was celebrated in Allamakee county, Iowa, April 9, 1866, and nine children have come to bless the happy home, their only sorrow being in the death of one of the children, who was called away in infancy. The living are: Nellie, Andrew; Inger, the wife of Ole C. Oleson; Carrie, Nettie, Edith, Albert and Walter.

Mr. Anderson takes an active part in local affairs of interest, has served as school treasurer for a number of years, and is highly respected and esteemed by his fellow-townsmen.

**A**UGUST LUDWIG. The gentleman whose name introduces these few brief paragraphs is a reputable and prosperous member of the agriculturist class of Union county, in section 5, Big Springs township, of which he has a fine farm situated.

Mr. Ludwig is a native of the province

of Holstein, Germany, and a son of Christian Ludwig, who was born in Denmark. The latter was a soldier in the German army in the war of 1848, and emigrated to America in 1852. He also served in the Civil war in this country, enlisting in the Union army at St. Louis. He fills a soldier's grave, having died while a member of that brave army of men who fought and gave their lives that the Union might be preserved. August was born October 8, 1844, and was raised in the city of Kiel, Germany, receiving a good education during his boyhood days. After attaining maturity he worked out on a farm in his native land, but soon became imbued with the desire to see the new world, about the resources of which he had heard such wonderful stories. Accordingly, he emigrated to America alone, in 1866, and located among strangers in Kankakee county, Ill. The rather adverse circumstances under which he started his career in the United States was doubly discouraging because of the fact that he could not speak the English language; but he was willing to work and learn, and, until the fall of the same year he arrived, he found employment at farm labor in Illinois, during which time he had ample opportunity in which to study the English tongue. When he left Illinois he went to Scott county, Iowa, and later to Cedar county, of the same state. In the latter place, he wooed and won the consent of Miss Magreta Micaelsen to become his life partner, and was married February 24, 1871. Mrs. Ludwig is a native of the same place in Germany in which our subject first saw the light, and was born March 17, 1850, growing to womanhood in her native land. She came with her parents in 1869 to Amer-

ica, and located for a year in Scott county, Iowa, removing, at the expiration of that time, to Cedar county.

After their marriage the young couple resided on a farm which Mr. Ludwig rented for two years, and then came to Union county, Dak. Ter., and settled on their present farm. He homesteaded a quarter-section and started in to break up and improve the place; but the first crops he put in were devoured by the grasshoppers, and his labor was thus expended for nothing. Settlers were scarce, as the country was new then, but was being rapidly developed. The first two seasons of his residence there, he lived with his family in a "dug-out," and then built a little frame cottage 14 x 16 feet. After that he entered a timber claim, it being the quarter-section just west of his original homestead, to which he removed and lived on for three years, proving up on it as a pre-emption, and then returning to his former abode. He has devoted all his time to farming, in which he has succeeded very well, and has acquired a comfortable property, consisting of 318 acres of land, all well-improved, 220 acres being under cultivation. He built his present residence in 1892, at a cost of about \$1,400, and has a complete set of farm buildings for the housing of his grain, stock, etc. He is the happy possessor of a fine span of roadsters, of which he is justly proud, they being about the best pair of horses of their class in the county. Mr. Ludwig has always taken an active part in local politics, and has held various of the township offices in the gift of the people. For years he has been clerk of the school district in which he resides, served three years as a member of the town board and six years as road overseer, and in

the fall of 1896 was a candidate on the Populist ticket for the position of register of deeds of Union county, being defeated by only 43 votes. Formerly he was a Republican in politics, but now affiliates with the Populist movement. He has taken a keen interest in the welfare of his adopted township, and gives hearty support to any enterprise calculated to improve its status and condition. He and his good wife are members of the Lutheran church, and they carry their religion into their every-day lives, taking an active part in the cause of Christianity.

Following is a record and the names of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig: Theresa, deceased; Rudolph, a student at the State university; August; Charles, deceased; Adolph, Herman and Edward.

**L**ARS LARSEN. This name will be recognized by many of our readers as that of a prominent and well-to-do member of the farming community of Pleasant township, Lincoln county. He is a native of the land that has sent many sturdy, industrious men to swell the number of those who find a competence here and prove trustworthy citizens of their adopted land, teaching us to honor the Danish character, and welcome gladly all her sons who desire to enjoy our institutions and aid in our development.

Our subject was born in Denmark and grew to manhood and was educated there. His mother died in 1852, and in 1891 his father, Lars Larsen, Sr., who was born in Denmark in 1810, came to America with his second wife, and now makes his home

with his son. Mrs. Larsen, the stepmother of our subject, died in January, 1896. The natal day of Lars Larsen, Jr., was February 15, 1847, and he continued to make his home in the place of his nativity until 1870, when he decided to cross the Atlantic and seek his fortune in free America. He located first at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and hired out by the month at farm labor, and in this capacity he was engaged until 1875, when he came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and settled upon his present farm, which he entered as a homestead. He built a straw shanty in which to live the first summer, hauling the material four miles, and the feed for his team he was compelled to bring a distance of twenty-eight miles. In the fall of the same year he had about outgrown his straw house, insomuch as he intended to get married; so, after erecting a neat little frame cottage, he took that most important step in his career. The happy bride was Miss Mary Peterson, also a native of Denmark, and, after the ceremony which made them one was performed, they began their domestic life in the little house Mr. Larsen had prepared. Times were hard, and the young couple found it pretty hard at times to make both ends meet, but they put their trust and confidence in God, believing that He doeth all things well, and have accordingly prospered.

By hard work Mr. Larson improved his homestead, and, as circumstances would permit, added to it, until now his estate consists of 400 acres. The little cottage has given way to a modern residence, which was erected in 1895, at a cost of \$1,500, exclusive of the many days of labor our subject spent on it himself; and on the farm conveniently arranged, may also be seen

the substantial out-buildings used in carrying on extensive farming operations. In 1884 he went into partnership in a general store at Beresford, but after a year in that business he sold out, and has since and is now devoting all his time and attention to his agricultural interests. He makes a specialty of Poland-China hogs, and has some fine specimens of this breed in his possession.

Mr. and Mrs. Larsen are the parents of five children, but only two are living, viz.: George W. and Fritz W.; they are also raising and educating two girls, Christina and Marie Peterson. The children are afforded every facility for acquiring good educations, and make an interesting little family.

Mr. Larsen is essentially a self-made man, as all he is and has is the result of his own exertions. He is a director in his school district, and, although a staunch supporter of Republican principles, and has been a delegate to various of the county conventions, he has never been an aspirant for office. He and his family belong to the Danish Lutheran church, in which he has served in various official capacities, and his daily life attests his devotion to the will of Almighty God, which has ever been his guide and mainstay.

**J**AMES LANGAN, one of Turner county's early settlers, engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, has a farm in section 30, Parker township. He is a native of Ireland, and was born in county Mayo, in 1833, where he was reared on a farm and resided till 1865. In that year Mr. Langan decided to come to this country, and accordingly he emigrated from

the Emerald isle to America. His first stopping place was in Pennsylvania, where he found employment working in the mines till 1867, when he came to Illinois and located in McHenry county. He worked on a farm in that vicinity for some ten years, and then went north to Minnesota, and thence to Turner county, Dak. Ter. When he arrived in the latter place there was no railroad, and the now thriving town of Parker did not exist; all the land was raw prairie. He entered a farm of 160 acres as a homestead; that was in 1879, and the same year he built a small house containing one room. His present holding consists of 160 acres of land, all under cultivation and improved with a good house, fences, barns and out-buildings.

Mr. Langan's first marriage occurred in 1849, in Ireland, when he led to the altar Miss Mary Glisby, and by her he is the parent of three children, viz.: Patrick, Michael and Catherine, deceased. Mrs. Langan died in 1865, and our subject subsequently married in 1867 Bridget Langan, a native of Pennsylvania, born in Luzerne county, November 11, 1843. To this union have been born five children, as follows: Mabel M. I., a school teacher; William J., attending college at Dixon, Ill.; J. Venson, a graduate of Parker high school and the Dixon Business college; Lillie Anna, a stenographer and typewriter operator; and Alice Catherine, who is now an attendant at and will graduate from the Parker high school in the class of '97. Mr. and Mrs. Langan have taken considerable interest in giving all their children the advantage of liberal educations, to assist them in traveling life's rocky pathway. Mr. Langan uses his right of suffrage in voting for the best man, regardless of party



ties or affiliations. The family are all devout members of the Catholic church, and regular attendants.

**J**EROME MANGAN, present register of deeds of Union county, S. Dak., is a native of Quebec, Canada, and was born in 1837. He is a son of James and Bridget (Feely) Mangan, both of whom were natives of Ireland, who emigrated in 1835, with one child, to Canada, where Mr. Mangan worked at his trade of shoemaking, a business he had followed in the old country. They were the parents of six children, three of whom are living, viz.: Catherine M., a professional nurse, residing in New York city; Bridget, a Sister of Charity in Quebec; and Jerome, the subject of this sketch. All the family are devout members of the Catholic church.

Jerome was raised in Canada, receiving his education in the city of Quebec, and, after coming to the "states," when he was twenty-four years of age, enlisted in the Fifty-first regiment, Illinois infantry. He saw four-years' service during the Civil war. In the battles of Stone river and Chickamauga, in which he participated, he was wounded, in the former engagement being shot in the right foot; then at the battle of Resaca, on the famous march to the sea, he received a gun shot in the right side, which laid him up in the hospital for three months. After recovering, he was commissioned first lieutenant in the 123rd regiment, U. S. C. I., and his service from that time on was in Kentucky, until he was mustered out, in 1865, at Louisville. After his discharge he went to Minneapolis, Minn., and engaged in the book and stationery business until 1873,

when he sold out, and homesteaded a farm in Prairie township, Union Co., Dak., where he made his home for ten years. He experienced some pretty hard times during the grasshopper plagues. In 1884 Mr. Mangan removed to Beresford and engaged in the practice of law, and incidentally buying and selling real estate. In 1887 he was elected judge of the probate court, at Elk Point, which position he held for two years, and in 1895 he was elected to his present position—register of deeds. He is a staunch Republican in politics, well-informed on the current topics of the day, and takes an active interest in the public affairs of both county and state. He has been appointed delegate to various political conventions, and has ably represented his constituents. He is also a member of the G. M. Dodge post, G. A. R., at Beresford, of which he is past commander.

Mr. Mangan was married in 1870 to Miss Margaret A. Trindle, of Centreville, Wayne Co., Ind., and they have been blessed with eight children, six of whom are living, viz.: Mark V., Henry J., Marcella M., Ralph E., May and Margaret B. Paul J., deceased, was his father's assistant in the register's office until his death, which occurred January 8, 1896, aged twenty-three years. Felix E. died when but eighteen months old. The family resides in Elk Point.

**O**LE H. LIER is classed among the most energetic and capable of the Scandinavian farmers and stock raisers of the present generation who are aiding and carrying forward the great agricultural interests of Lincoln coun-



ty. He is carrying on his operations in Grant township, where he also resides with his family.

Mr. Lier was born in Christiania county, Norway, in the year 1852, the second son of Havil G. and Betsy Lier, who reared a family of six children, as follows: Gilbert, a resident of Iowa; Ole H.; Mattie, the wife of Andrew Anderson, of Rock county, Minn.; Ella, the wife of A. Thorson, of Rock county, Minn.; and Andrew and John, who reside in Iowa. Our subject was reared on a farm in Iowa from his twelfth year, his parents having emigrated from the fatherland to America when he was of that age, and located in the Hawkeye state. He gained the preliminaries of his education in the excellent common schools of the land of his birth, and finished his schooling in the institutions of learning afforded in the vicinity where he lived after coming to America. He finally located in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., in 1876, buying the land on which he now resides, all of which he has cultivated and improved himself. Possessing a clear, cool head, a mind well trained, and endowed with energy and good capacity for labor, he is succeeding admirably from a financial standpoint, and his prosperity is assured. As a true citizen should be, he is interested in politics, and is a staunch Republican. Among the duties of public office which he has discharged faithfully, have been the positions of supervisor and town treasurer, and he has also been a member of the school board since the organization of that body.

Three years spent as a bachelor on his farm, after coming to Dakota, convinced Mr. Lier that he was sadly in need of a partner in his joys and sorrows. The ster-

ling traits of character possessed by Miss Sena Gedstadt, the daughter of a neighbor, won the deep regard of our subject, and, his wooing having proved successful, the couple were united in marriage, and are now the happy parents of three children—Henry, Tina and Betsy.

Mr. Lier has a fine farm of 360 acres, on which he carries on a general farming business.

**A**DOLPH MASON. Probably there is no person in Union county who has had more experience with Indians and their peculiarities than the gentleman of whom this sketch is written. His property is located on section 27, Big Sioux township, where he has a fine farm of 340 acres, managed by his son-in-law.

Mr. Mason is a native of the province of Quebec, Canada, and was born March 14, 1822. He passed his youth in his native country where he also obtained an education. When but a young man he assisted in locating the boundary line between the United States and Canada, and shortly afterward was employed by the Hudson Bay Fur company and later on by the American Fur company. With these two companies he was engaged in trading with the Indians for pelts and furs of all descriptions, and used to make some very good bargains with the redmen, who, as a rule, were ignorant as to the value of their possessions to the white men. He was engaged in this occupation for three years and had some very thrilling experiences. In 1846 Mr. Mason came to the United States, and located first in New Jersey and then in St.

Louis, Mo. In 1849 he started across the plains for California, and stopped on the Green river; here he saw an opportunity for bargaining with the Indians and accordingly opened up a trading post and blacksmith shop. The Cheyenne Indians, who were located there, did not like the white man, who was apparently doing a thriving business in their midst with some of their own race and immigrants who were passing through, and they attacked him, but he succeeded in getting away uninjured. In the fall of 1850 he came back to the Missouri river, and later made another trip to California. This time he contracted the mountain fever and was very ill. He came to Union county in the fall of 1853, the same year F. A. Reynolds did, and therefore is undoubtedly the oldest settler now living in the county. He underwent many of the hardships and privations incident to the settlement of a new country. He erected a tepee, such as the Indians inhabited, and lived in this till the following spring. The country was thickly covered with timber. Sioux City was unheard of, and Theo Brouillerre, an old Frenchman who later caused Mr. Mason much trouble, was engaged in breaking up the land now occupied by Fourth street for farming purposes. During the winter he had worked at the fort, and in the spring of 1854 he built a log cabin, 14 x 16 feet, which he covered with a dirt roof, broke up some ground, and planted a little corn. Later he rented a farm on shares at the mouth of the Big Sioux river, and the same year the treaty with the Indians was consummated, he entered his present homestead. As stated, there were no other settlers, but plenty of Indians, and Theo Brouillerre, an old Frenchman who had two Indian squaws and

a large family of half-breed children, tried to drive him off his claim, and did everything he could to make him get out. At one time for a whole day they kept up a steady fire on the log house, which he built for a home; but Mr. Mason was just as determined to remain on his homestead as Brouillerre was to make him move, and he has lived there ever since. When he went to make his final settlement at the land office, he was met on the road by a couple of apparently peaceable Indians, but they proved the teacherousness of their race by firing point blank at our subject's face when they were close enough. The gun missed fire, however, and Mr. Mason escaped his assailants. It transpired later that the Indians had been hired by Brouillerre to kill him.

In the spring of 1856 Mr. Mason made another trip across the plains to Pike's Peak, remaining there during the summer without success, and then returned to his Sioux valley home. The return trip was a very severe one for the six or seven people accompanying Mr. Mason, as they had few provisions and were obliged to depend on game for food. The fall he returned home everything he possessed was destroyed by a prairie fire, and he received severe burns about the face and hands, and the scars from which are visible to this day, and his hands have ever since been in a drawn and crippled condition. Immediately after the fire he lay for days on his straw bed, and was obliged to sell his oxen in order to secure medical aid. From this condition, without a cent, Mr. Mason has by years of toil, frugality and good business judgment, acquired a comfortable home and a competence.

Mr. Mason was married in 1865 to Mrs. Charlotte Eveline (Willbur) Ayers, a native of Connecticut, born June 27, 1823. Mrs. Mason was reared in New York, and came west in 1862. Her father was of English descent, and the family dates back four generations in Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Mason had one daughter, Elizabeth, who had every advantage for a liberal education. She is now the wife of Baptiste John Bruneau, and with her husband and six children lives with her parents on the homestead. Mrs. Mason by her former husband had three sons, all of whom were soldiers in the Civil war. The family are all members of the Catholic church, and Mr. Mason has been a member of the school board and also of the I. O. O. F. society. He has been a Democrat, but is now independent in politics. He vividly recalls the grasshopper times of destruction, the Indian troubles, and the overflows of the Missouri river; they had to live for eighteen days in the second story of the house during one of the floods.

**H**ON MICHAEL RYAN, SR. One of the founders of the village of Jefferson, and a man who has labored industriously to make the town what it is to-day, as well as in the development of the surrounding country, is the gentleman of whom this biography is written. He is a person of broad mental gauge, and has always been closely identified with any improvements that would result in the public good in the locality in which he resides.

Mr. Ryan is a native of Queens county,

Ireland, and was born in 1827. He grew to manhood in the old country, and received during his early life a good, practical education in the schools the country afforded, later learning the trade of hoop-making. He early saw how useless it was for an ambitious youth of his nature to attempt to try to succeed in the down-trodden country of his birth, and he decided to emigrate to America, which he accordingly did in 1840. He came direct to Milwaukee, Wis., where he remained till 1857. After eight years of residence in the latter city he settled upon a farm in Emmett county, Iowa, and stayed there for two years. This land was unimproved when he bought it, but under his careful supervision, it reached a high state of cultivation. March 19, 1860, Mr. Ryan came to the territory of Dakota and settled on a farm, it being the northwest quarter of section 29, Jefferson township, and a wild piece of property at that time. There were few settlers in the county, and he could not see a house anywhere. Indians, however, were numerous, but our subject had no serious trouble with them, except that he was kept constantly on the alert to prevent them from stealing everything he possessed. His first place of abode was a log house, and after he completed it, he began clearing and breaking his land. He resided on this place till 1873, when he moved to Jefferson and built a store. It was one of the first ever erected in the village, and in it he carried a general stock of merchandise, acting at the same time as station and express agent, postmaster and grain buyer. He continued till about ten years ago, when he decided to retire and enjoy the fruits of his labor. Farming has been his business here for

years, and he now owns 234 acres of land, eighty of which adjoin the village of Jefferson. This property he has carefully improved with a nice residence, out-buildings, etc. He was one of the earliest settlers, and has passed through all the trials and discouragements that the pioneers in the development of the territory of Dakota have experienced—the grasshopper plague, the Sioux Indian outbreak, the overflows of the Missouri river, etc. He has withstood them all, and succeeded in gaining a competence which he can now enjoy.

Mr. Ryan was married in 1851 to Miss Mary Edwards, a native of Kilkenny county, Ireland, who came to America in 1847. They were blessed with the following children, who all grew to maturity, viz.: Michael, Jr., who married Miss Hannah Connelly, and after her death married Miss Mary Dennison, lives in this township; Mary Ann, who married Charles Brouillette, deceased, by whom she had two children, now lives in Nebraska and is the wife of, L. F. De Mars, by whom she has three children; Ellen, deceased, was the wife of Louis La Moges, and five children survive her; F. W., who married Hattie Brow, lives in this township and has three children; and Katie, the wife of Frank Zins, lives at St. Cloud, Minn., and has one child.

Mr. Ryan takes an earnest interest in the common schools of the district, and is actively connected with local public affairs of the county. He has been a justice of the peace for twenty-seven years, and served two terms in the territorial legislature, during which time he was chairman of several important committees. He is a member of Blue lodge, Masonic order, at Elk Point, past master degree, and is an ar-

dent worker in the cause of Masonry. Politically, he is a Republican, and zealously supports that party's principles.

CHARLES N. TAYLOR is one of the prominent citizens of Meckling, where he is now and has been acting as agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad ever since the line was extended through the town, and is also a large land owner, his possessions aggregating some 1100 acres in Norway and Meckling townships.

Mr. Taylor is a native of the Empire state, born in Onondaga county, February 27, 1830. His father and mother, Hiram K. and Ann (Thomas) Taylor, were also born in New York, the former being the first white child born in Madison county, and the latter a native of Oneida county. Mr. Taylor was a farmer and trader by occupation, and after his marriage located with his bride in Onondaga county, where he died in 1863. Mrs. Taylor subsequently removed to South Dakota, and at our subject's residence she also passed from time to eternity at the venerable age of ninety-one years. Charles N. Taylor was the only child born to the above couple, was reared and educated in his native county, and after attaining mature years, was there united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Miss Mary J. Baker. Mrs. Taylor was born in Onondaga county, N. Y., December 9, 1835, and is a daughter of Stephen and Ruth (Soule) Baker, both natives of the Empire state; Mr. Baker died there, and his good wife passed away in Meckling at her daughter's home.

After their marriage, which occurred

April 3, 1853, Mr. Taylor and his young bride settled in Madison county, N. Y., where he followed his trade of carriage making, and also did a little farming for the next eight years, and then he removed to Onondaga county. In the latter county he made his home until he came west in the spring of 1864 with a New York colony of people bound for Dakota. On arrival he entered a claim near the present site of Meckling, and his abode was known as the "Eight Mile House," the best known ranch and stage station in the northwest. Since then he has been exclusively engaged in agriculture and mercantile pursuits of various kinds—general merchandising, dairying, etc. Besides being the agent of the railroad, as stated above, Mr. Taylor also served for some twenty years as postmaster of Meckling, eight years he held a commission as notary public, and he also served one term of three years as county commissioner, as well as treasurer of Meckling township.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are the parents of two living children—George L., and Henry G.—and the only sorrow which has marred their happy married life has been in the death of their only daughter, Lettie, who died when seven years of age, and their son, L. C., who was drowned at St. Joseph, Mo., in 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are the foster parents of two children, sons of a sister of Mrs. Taylor, who died when the boys were quite young, and our subject and his wife have reared and educated them.

Mr. Taylor and wife have been active in church affairs and are members and liberal supporters of the Congregational church of Meckling. Mr. Taylor has a good reputation in business circles, and is known by

those with whom he comes in contact, as a wholesouled, genial and clever man, always willing to accommodate his patrons even when he has to make personal sacrifices in doing so. He and his capable wife have a wide circle of friends whose esteem for them is in proportion to the worth of their characters.

OLE BAKER. Monroe township is not without its share of well-regulated farms, the incomes from which form so large a part of the wealth of Turner county. One of these carefully cultivated tracts of land belongs to the gentleman whose cognomen introduces these paragraphs. It is located in section 15, and consists of 140 acres, on which buildings of substantial construction and good design have been erected. A visitor to the estate will find that modern methods are used in carrying on the work, and that various arrangements have been made by which the soil can be more easily tilled and the crops more perfectly garnered.

Mr. Baker is a native of Norway, born June 14, 1853, and was reared in his native place until he had attained the age of seventeen years. He came at that age to America alone and located in Grant county, Wis., where he was employed at farm labor, and then spent his time in different sections of Iowa and Green counties of the same state, working at whatever he could find to do, until 1879, when he came to Dakota territory. The spring of that year he located on the farm whereon he now lives and started in to improve his property, erecting a small house 12x14 feet in which he "bached" until he was married. This

event occurred February 13, 1882, when he led to the hymeneal altar Miss Carrie Brunsdal, a native of Iowa county, Wis. After the ceremony was performed our subject and his bride took up their domestic life on his farm, and he has since applied himself industriously to improving his property and advancing his interests. His farm is one of the well cultivated ones of the township, and on it he carries on an extensive general farming business.

Mr. Baker exerts considerable influence in political circles in behalf of the Democratic party, uniformly voting that ticket and working in the interest of its candidates. He was raised in the Lutheran faith, and he and wife are now members of that church. The confidence the people repose in Mr. Baker is amply displayed by his election to various of the public offices within their gift. He has been assessor and is now clerk of Monroe township, and at one time was a candidate for county assessor on the Democratic ticket, also endorsed by the Populists, but was defeated. He also takes much interest in the cause of education, believing that the institutions of learning are considerably more than a drop in the bucket in determining the weal or woe of the rising generations, and therefore exerts his influence for the constant betterment of the common schools. As a member of the school board of his district he has served for twelve years, and five years of that period he acted as chairman of that body. He richly merits the esteem in which he is held, and has done much to advance the interests of the community in which he is an honored citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker are the parents of six children, on whom have been bestowed

the following names: Grace E., Belle C., Colonel C., Frank G., George B. and Ollie N.

JOSEPH MORROW may well be called one of the old settlers of Lincoln county, as he has made his home here ever since 1868, and during that and the present time has been industriously engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. He was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, in 1844, and raised on a farm there until he had attained his majority. His facilities for an education were decidedly limited, but what information was imparted in the common schools was made the most of by our subject during his leisure hours, which, of course, were not many, as in the winter he had to work at lumbering, and in the summer at farming.

In 1865 Mr. Morrow came to the "states" and located in Pennsylvania, working out by the month for the next year. He then returned to his home in Canada, and the same year, 1867, again made his way to the "states," this time settling in Sioux City, Iowa. The spring following dates his arrival in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. He first located on a homestead one mile south of what is now Hudson (then called Eden) and on this claim he built a shanty, cutting the logs on the Sioux river and having them hauled to his homestead. After finishing the cabin and covering it with dirt, he left his wife and their two children there and made a pedestrian journey to Sioux City in search of work. Shortly after, he had a good chance to sell his original claim, and did so, relinquishing





HOMESTEAD OF CHESTER F. HANKINS



all his rights to the homestead, and at that time located on the same section whereon he now lives, but just north of his present farm. A couple of years later he sold this and bought Mr. Curtis' homestead, which comprises his present estate, section 31, Eden township. There were but few improvements on the place when it came into his possession, but under his careful management and direction the farm is now adorned by a comfortable house, barns and various out-buildings, conveniently arranged for the prosecution of a general farming business, in which he is quite extensively engaged. The whole 160 acres are under cultivation.

In 1865 Mr. Morrow was married to Miss Eliza Smith, a native of Canada, and of the seven children born to this couple, six are now living: Mrs. Edith Smith, Mrs. Mary E. Wood, Mrs. Agnes Larson, Mrs. Flora J. Sweely, Mrs. Dollie Leonard, William and Mabel; James is deceased. The children all had the advantage of good, practical educations, the son being a graduate of the Hawarden, Iowa, schools. The family religiously are Methodists, and belong to the church of that denomination at Calliope, Iowa, of which Mr. Morrow has been steward.

Mr. Morrow came to this country empty-handed, so to speak, and being one of the early settlers, his pathway to affluence was beset by many hardships and privations. He persevered, however, and is now reaping his reward in the shape of abundant crops from the land which was a part of one vast wilderness when he located on it as a pioneer. He has held various township offices, and politically gives preference to the man rather than the party, voting for the

candidate whom he thinks is best fitted to fill the position, regardless of political affiliations.

ALHESTER P. HANKINS is the owner of 320 acres of fine farming land on sections 14 and 22, Turner township, Turner county, the entire amount of which is under cultivation with the exception of forty acres. He devotes his energies to general farming, and his home and its neat and tasty surroundings, a view of which the reader will see on another page, combined with the fine appearance of the estate in general, indicate the owner to be a man of enterprise and thrift.

Mr. Hankins was born in New Jersey, November 4, 1833. When he was about eight months of age his parents removed to Toledo, Ohio, and there, while he was yet an infant, his mother was taken ill and died. The father continued to live with his family there for about eight and a half years, at the expiration of which time he removed to and settled on a farm in Tippecanoe county, Ind. A year later he located near Peru, remaining two years, and then returned to his old home in Tippecanoe county, where he passed from time to eternity in 1847. After the death of his father our subject went back to Toledo, and worked out on a farm in Lucas county for the following three years, leaving there for Sheboygan, Wis., to begin an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade in the employ of his brother-in-law, Mr. Eli Shouler. After serving his time, a period of six years, he continued to follow his trade as a means of livelihood in the Badger state for another twenty-four

months and then returned to Lucas county, Ohio, to engage in the grain business and operating a canal boat. Two years later he went again to Wisconsin, this time locating in Ripon, and there he continued to reside working as a carpenter and builder, until he enlisted in the service of the United States as a soldier, the date of his enrollment in company H, Twentieth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, being February 28, 1864. During his term of enlistment, which covered a period of over two years, he took part with his regiment in several engagements happening towards the close of the rebellion, and April 9, 1866, at Brownsville, Texas, was mustered out of service and honorably discharged.

After leaving the army Mr. Hankins returned to Wisconsin, where he was occupied until the spring of 1870 at his trade, and then started farther west. At Greeley, Colo., he operated a hotel for about a year and a half, and the first hostelry in the town, and then returned to Ripon, Wis., leaving there six months later to look for some place where he could establish a permanent home. After traveling over Kansas, Nebraska and Dakota, he decided on the latter as the base of his future operations, and accordingly took up a claim of 160 acres on section 22 of Turner township, Turner county, the same on which he now lives. He settled on his claim in June, 1872, and ever since that time has given his attention wholly to farming pursuits. He has added another tract to his original claim, making as stated above, 320 acres, and on this property he has erected many fine buildings, good fences and improved the estate in various other ways.

August 5, 1866, Mr. Hankins led to the

hymeneal altar a lady who has proved her worth in the home by judiciously managing the household affairs. She was known in her girlhood days as Miss Mary Small, but was the widow of Daniel Pasko, an old soldier, who died in Ripon, Wis., when she became the wife of our subject. Her father and mother, Joseph and Elizabeth (Merrill) Small, were both natives of Maine, Mrs. Hankins having been born in Yarmouth, of that state, February 17, 1840. Mr. Small died in Ripon, his good wife having preceded him several years, her death occurring in Yarmouth, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Hankins are the parents of one son, Ernest W. who resides in Turner township within easy distance of his father and mother. They are devout Christians and believe in the religion of Jesus Christ as taught in the New Testament.

**J**OHNSON D. DAVIS is one of the representative general farmers of Union county, and has been a conspicuous figure in the development and extension of the great agricultural interests of the southern part of the county.

Mr. Davis is the son of Josiah W. Davis, and was born April 29, 1839, near Greenville, Washington Co., Tenn. His father removed to Iowa in 1841, and settled at a point five miles west of Iowa City in Union county, on a farm. It was all raw land there then, and Indians and wild beasts were numerous. The father died a few years after locating in the Hawkeye state, and Mrs. Davis subsequently married again. Her family by her first husband consisted of four boys, three of whom are now living, viz.: James W., D. W. and John D. The

other son, Josiah W., Jr., now deceased, served as a drummer boy in the late Civil war, being a member of company D, Fourteenth Iowa regiment, infantry.

Our subject grew to manhood in Iowa, receiving his early education in the common schools of the neighborhood. In the year 1859 he started across the plains for Pike's Peak, and then from Colorado he went to California. He worked in the silver mines at Virginia City, Nev., for some time, and in 1870 returned to his former home in Iowa. He did not stay long there, however, as the same year he came to Dakota territory and settled near Lone Tree, Elk Point township. On the land which he took up there he resided for a period of ten years and then bought the piece of property on which he now makes his home and has lived ever since. This consists of 200 acres, all improved and supplied with good buildings. He has always attended strictly to his business, and his farm is one of the best managed in the county. He has accumulated his wealth by the exercise of exceptional business talents and good executive ability, seconded by great tenacity of purpose and indomitable will power. He is one of the oldest settlers of Union county, and the record of his life is one of uprightness and good principle. He has taken quite an interest in local school affairs, having been a member of the school board ever since he first took up his residence in Spink township. Socially, he belongs to the Good Templar society, and politically, casts his vote independent of partisanship. He formerly voted the Republican ticket exclusively, but now casts his ballot as his judgment deems best.

The marriage of Mr. Davis and Miss Sarah F. Bishop, a native of Rockbridge

county, W. Va., was celebrated January 24, 1862, and to this union have been born five children, only three of whom are now living, viz.: George W., Mrs. Jennie May Goodroad and Mrs. Nellie Irene Clark. The two former reside in Spink township, and the latter lives in Sioux Valley township, Union county. All the children had the advantage of good educations, and were raised in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which they belong, Mr. and Mrs. Davis taking an active part in all religious matters.

**L**N. ALBERTY, one of the highly respected and leading citizens of Parker township, Turner county, residing on section 22, where he has a farm of 190 acres, is a native of McHenry county, Ill., and was born August 7, 1854. He is a son of John and Parnelia (Disbrow) Alberty, both natives of New York, who came to Illinois about 1835, and were among the early settlers of McHenry county. They died there in 1859.

The subject of this sketch is the youngest of a family of eight children, and was five years of age when his parents died. His eldest sister, Emily, and her husband, Hiland W. Copeland, then took him to their home, where he was reared and remained until 1875, when he was twenty years of age. That year he came to Turner county, Dakota territory, and took up 320 acres of land on section 22, of Parker township. He immediately set to work breaking up the raw prairie, and raised a crop the first year. While a resident of Illinois he had taught school in Woodbury county,

Iowa, and during the winter months after he came to South Dakota he followed the same vocation. October 15, 1878, Mr. Alberty led to the altar, Miss Ada H. Ford, a native of Ludington county, Mich., and he and his young wife located immediately on the farm where they now reside. By this union there have been five children, four of whom are living, as follows; Ralph, Jennie, Nellie, deceased, George and Joe.

Mr. Alberty takes considerable interest in school matters. He was elected superintendent of schools in 1878, serving till 1880, and re-elected in 1882 for another term of two years. He taught the first school Parker boasted of, which was in 1879 and '80, and was principal of the Marion school in 1885 and '86. He is at present clerk of the Findlay school district, which position he has held for the past ten years. He also assessed Parker township in 1894, and, besides attending to his farm duties, he still continues to teach about seven months a year.

**R**NUD PAULSON, vice president of the Tornado and Hurricane Insurance company, and also engaged in general farming in Brule township, is one of the public-spirited Scandinavian settlers who are helping to develop the resources of Union county. He has resided in Brule township since 1870, locating that year on the property where he now lives, purchasing 100 acres and paying \$600 for the homestead right.

Mr. Paulson is a native of Norway, in which country he was born May 6, 1835, a son of Paul and Magnel (Knudson) Peterson, also natives of Norway. He was

reared on a farm, and received a fair education in the common schools of his neighborhood. His ambition led him, in 1858, to emigrate to America, which he did, crossing the Atlantic in the sailing vessel Veronda. The voyage consumed six weeks and a half, owing to the terrible storm they encountered, during which the ship was almost wrecked. He first put foot on American soil at Quebec, and from there continued west to Chicago and then to Madison, Wis., near which place he found employment working on a farm. He continued at this work till 1867, except for the period of a year in 1859, when he went to Tennessee, working in Memphis and vicinity. In 1867 he had accumulated enough funds to enable him to purchase a farm for himself. He purchased eighty acres in Pleasant Spring township, Dane Co., Wis., where he resided till 1870, when he sold out and came to Union county, Dak. Ter. He has prospered since settling here, and has a fine farm, well improved and in an excellent state of cultivation. He is a Republican, and takes an active part in the politics of the county and state. He was appointed sergeant-at-arms, being elected by acclamation, to the state legislature, which important position he held during the session of 1881. For eighteen years he has represented Brule township in county conventions, and has also been Union county's representative in state conventions. He is popular with his fellow-men, and his friends have great confidence in his political sagacity.

Mr. Paulson was married in 1863 to Miss Berta Peterson, and to him and his wife have been born eleven children, seven of whom are living, viz.: Peter, Eli, Lewis, Paul, Matilda, Nels and Gene; the deceased

are: Peter, Martha, Gustavus and Edward. All died in the year 1874, Peter, the eldest, meeting his death in the field by a roller. The family are all members of the Lutheran church, Mr. Paulson having held various offices, and was also a delegate to the church synods and convention. He is also one of the directors of the Union County Association of Old Settlers, in which he is actively interested.

Mr. Paulson is interested in everything that has a tendency to promote the public good, and has contributed liberally of his means to all worthy enterprises. He is thoroughly American in his views, being in close sympathy with American methods and institutions. He possesses keen perceptions and is a close observer of all that is going on.

## ON. CHARLES LA BRECHE.

Probably the most prominent French-American citizen living in Union county is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. Mr. La Breche is a native of our northern neighbor, Canada, and was born in the province of Quebec in 1827, where he passed his boyhood. He was educated in the French language in his native country, and when he had attained his majority, in 1848, he came to the "states," and located in New York. He started west in 1853 to Dubuque, Iowa, where he worked as a stone-cutter, a trade he had learned in his youth, and also conducted a farm until 1862, when he arrived in Union county with seven other families.

Mr. La Breche settled on the land where he now lives, which he took as a homestead, and first erected a board shanty in which to

live, later on constructing a more substantial log house. He set diligently to work breaking up and improving his farm, and has lived here ever since. He is now one of the largest land owners in Union county, having 1,100 acres, nearly all of which is improved. He devotes his time to general farming exclusively. Although he was not possessed of much wealth when Union county first saw him, he has been very successful in his farming operations here, which tends to show that he is the owner of a sound judgment and is a good manager.

In the fall of 1862, the same year he settled in Union county, the Indians became restless and hostile, and settlers were compelled to get away from the locality or suffer the consequences. While Mr. La Breche and his party were passing over Brule creek near Richland on their way to Sioux Falls with government supplies, the Indians were seen to attack a Mr. La Moure and Tom Watson, about two miles away. Although they had no firearms with them, nor weapons, Mr. La Breche and three others, Joseph Yerter, Francis Bertrand and Vincent La Belle, started to the rescue of their unfortunate fellows. Watson, it was found, was wounded, and our subject found La Moure's body, carried it to the house, and then reached Sioux Falls in safety.

Mr. La Breche and Miss Caroline Chaussee, a native of Canada, were united in marriage in 1853, and they had seven children, viz.: Alfred, Deserie, Charles, Jr., Joseph, Alphonse, Salina, now the wife of Napoleou Bellange; and Emily, now Mrs. Prosper Adam. Mrs. La Breche died in 1877, and our subject was subsequently married to Miss Mary Chicott. He is one of the leading members of the Catholic church, of

which he is treasurer. He has also taken considerable interest in school matters, and is now a member of the school board. He affiliated with the Democratic party till four years ago, when he became a Populist. He has been actively connected with local politics, and in 1865 was elected to the territorial legislature for two years; in 1893 he was elected to the state legislature on the Populist ticket, and has also served as county commissioner for five years. He has discharged all the duties of his various offices to the entire satisfaction of the community, and he has their confidence, respect and esteem.

Mr. La Breche was the leader of the original eight families who were the pioneer French settlers in Jefferson township. They were: Peter Limoges, deceased; D. Chaussee, who now lives in Pierre, S. Dak.; Francis Riendeau, deceased; Benjamin Guardipee, deceased; and Octave Lavoie, a resident of Civil Bend township, who, with their families, made up the colony.

**E.** SCHULTE. This gentleman is the fortunate owner of one of the fine estates of Monroe township, Turner county, and is well known as an agriculturist who is doing an extensive business. His farm consists of 320 acres of choice land, and the buildings upon it are far above the average in their substantial construction and the convenience of their arrangements.

Our subject was born in the northern part of Germany, January 4, 1829, and at the age of sixteen years was apprenticed to a blacksmith. At the end of three years he

had become proficient at the trade, and followed it as a means of livelihood in his native country until 1857, working by the year. When he bade adieu to the fatherland he was twenty-eight years old,\* and after landing in America at New York city, proceeded west to Illinois. He located first at Freeport, where he remained until 1860, and then secured employment in a machine shop in Chicago for the next two years. At the expiration of that time he went south to Nashville, in the employ of the government, and remained there until the close of the Civil war in 1865, when he returned to Illinois. He established himself in the blacksmith business in Freeport, and there remained until 1875, when he went to Ackley, Iowa. For the next six years he lived in the latter place, and then, in 1881, came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and took up as a homestead the 160 acres which is a part of his present estate, purchasing outright the balance of his farm of 320 acres. He has spent much time and hard work in improving his property, and has brought it to a high state of cultivation. He does a general farming business.

Mr. Schulte and Miss G. Williams, also a native of Germany, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock in 1872, and they are the parents of three sons, viz.: Kuno, Gerhard and William. The family belong to the German Reformed church, and Mr. Schulte politically affiliates with the Republican party, ardently supporting its candidates. He has served as assessor for a period of something over five years, and is a thoroughly good man, of unimpeachable character and of good personal habits. He has also a natural talent for music, and has devoted his spare moments to advancing his

knowledge of that art, his reputation as a fine performer on the organ and piano being quite well known.

**S**TEPHEN HORTON, one of the well-to-do old settlers of Union county is a fine specimen of the early pioneer type of men, the kind whose lathstring is always on the outside. He located in Union county in 1859, in Richland township, just above the mouth of the Brule, "squatting" there, as the government survey had not at that time been made.

The subject of this sketch was born in Vernon, Mich., in 1838. Here the subscription schools furnished him what education he received during his minority, and in 1855 he left home for the west, his objective point being Kansas. That was a dangerous time in Kansas as it was during the border war period. He stayed in the vicinity of Atchison and Lawrence, Kan., for two or three years, during which time he made a trip to Iowa. He was a member of the Free State Military organization while in Kansas, which body was organized for self protection against the border ruffians. He participated in many of the fights that took place during that period, and has a vivid recollection of the bloody scenes enacted at that time, many of which he recalls with horror. He was in Lawrence when the place was in flames and he had a personal acquaintance with John Brown and Jim Lane, the champions of the Free Soil party. In 1857 he left Kansas for Winneshiek county, Iowa, and in 1858 he settled in Plymouth county, same state, from which place in 1859 he came to Union county,

Dak. Ter., as noted previously. In the spring of 1862 Mr. Horton homesteaded 160 acres of government land, the same on which he now resides. In September of the same year he responded to the call of the nation and enlisted in company B, of the First Dakota cavalry, Capt. Tripp commanding. He followed the fortunes of the company and participated in all their marches and battles, seeing active service without the loss of a day till the war was over. He was honorably discharged at Sioux City in 1865, and immediately returned to Union county, the following spring settling on the place which has since been his home.

Mr. Horton's first place of abode was a cabin of logs dignified with a dirt roof in lieu of shingles, lumber at that time being worth \$160.00 per thousand feet in Sioux City. Into this primitive home he moved with his young wife, and, although the cabin was without door, window or floor, they took up the battle of life with light hearts. The cabin has now disappeared and in its stead stands a neat, commodious and modern residence, where its occupants are surrounded by every comfort. He was only a boy in years when he left the protection and comforts of his parental roof to brave the dangers and hardships of the undeveloped west. He was possessed of great endurance, no danger daunted him, and he of no labor tired. He had the material out of which pioneers are made; the life suited him and he was suited to the life. He was a brave and efficient soldier, never missing a day's duty, nor flinched in the face of danger. He has been successful in his undertakings and is one of the well-known, popular and influential men of the county,



his name being familiar in the households of all the older settlers. He is a fluent conversationalist and recites the stirring scenes through which he passed in early life in a remarkably graphic and vivid manner. He is a member of the Stephen A. Hulburt post No. 9, G. A. R., at Elk Point.

Mr. Horton was married in 1866 to Miss Mary Thompson, a daughter of Thomas Olson, who came to Union county in 1862. Mr. Olson entered 160 acres of government land in Brule township, where he still lives, now eighty-four years of age. To him and wife were born six children, viz.: Olaf, John, Christ, Mary, the wife of our subject; Thomas, and Anna Nelson. Mrs. Olson died January 18, 1891. To Mr. and Mrs. Horton have been born seven children, viz.: Betsy, Charley T., Albert J., John H., William, Ira S., and Maude. He has been a Republican in politics until of late years.

**E**RIC W. ERICSON, a thrifty and enterprising agriculturist, located on section 3, of Big Springs township, Union county, is a native of Sweden, and came to this country in 1865, when he was but seven years old, so that the most eventful portion of his life has been passed in the United States, and he has proved to be a loyal and law-abiding citizen of this government. For almost a quarter century he has been a resident of Union county, and his farm shows in its neat and well-ordered appointments the care and labor expended upon it by its owner.

Mr. Ericson was born in March, 1858, a son of Eric and Johanna C. (Norden) Ericson, both natives of Sweden. The father died in the old country, June 29, 1859, and in

1865 the mother and family emigrated to the new world. They landed in New York city, and passed the next seven years there and in the city of Brooklyn, where our subject attended school. At the age of eleven years he became a cash-boy in the large retail store of the late A. T. Stewart, working there for six months, and then accepted a position with Mr. V. W. Baldwin, a commission merchant, with whom he continued for two years more. At the expiration of that time the family came to Dakota territory, settling on section 2, Big Springs township, Union county, and here our subject grew to manhood. Their first house was of sod, with a dirt roof, and later they erected a small frame house in which to live. Eric assisted in improving that farm and the present highly-cultivated piece of property where he now lives has also been brought to its well-tilled condition by his labor. He is the owner of 240 acres, all in a body, nicely fenced, which compares favorably with the best farms in the county. Mrs. Ericson, the mother of our subject, still survives, and divides the time of her declining years between the homes of her two sons, Eric and E. C., the latter an attorney-at-law residing at Elk Point, whose biography will be found in another part of this Record.

Mr. Ericson takes an active part in all political matters, as well as local affairs. He has served as a school officer ever since he attained his majority, and has been the clerk of Big Springs township from the time it was organized, serving as assessor for the same township three terms. In 1895 he acted as postmaster in the lower house of the state legislature, then in session, and in many other ways has been constantly before



his fellow-townsmen as a man actively interested in the welfare of the community at large. He affiliates with the Republican party, and is a township central committee-man of that party.

Mr. Erickson secured for his life companion Miss Mary R. Peterson, a daughter of A. P. Peterson, she being a native of Dakota. They are the parents of one daughter, Ruth Miriam. Mrs. Peterson is an intelligent young lady, thoroughly versed in the conduct of household affairs, and is a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist church.

**I**VER NELSON, one of the younger members of the farming population of Eden township, Lincoln county, in section 22 of which he is conducting his agricultural pursuits, is a native of Norway, born September 14, 1859. His father, Nels Johnson Strand, emigrated with his family to America in 1867 and settled in Manitowoc county, Wis., on a timber claim. There Mr. Strand died, and his wife, with the family, later removed to Winneshiek county, Iowa, where the sons found employment working out on farms for the next two years. In 1871 they came to Lincoln county and located in Norway township, and here the mother of our subject was married to Thomas Toedt, who lives in section 14. Iver remained with his mother and step-father until he had attained the age of twenty-two years, receiving his education in the primitive log school house, which was the seat of learning in Norway township at that time.

When he struck out for himself our subject was the possessor of one horse, the only thing he owned, with the exception of

his indomitable will and an inexhaustable fund of energy. From July, 1881, to November, 1887, he made his home with his sister, Mrs. Ole A. Toedt, who then resided in section 23, of Norway township, at the expiration of which time he took the most important step of his life. This event was his marriage to Miss Mattie Sorenson, of Mower county, Minn., who was born in Norway. Mr. Nelson, after his wedding, rented a farm in section 15 of this township, and with his bride took up domestic life there. After two years operating this property he had accumulated finances sufficient to warrant him purchasing a farm of his own, and accordingly he opened negotiations for and finally bought the estate on which he now resides. It consists of 320 acres, and when it came into the possession of our subject was but partly improved. Under his careful management, however, it has steadily enhanced in value both as a farm and from a speculative standpoint, and is one of the finest tracts in the locality. Mr. Nelson has resided on it since March 1, 1891, and does an exclusively agricultural business.

The household of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson is completed by four children, Alma, Webster, William and Adolf Norman, who are all receiving careful preparation for the battle of life by good schooling. Mr. Nelson and his wife belong to the Norwegian Lutheran church at Hudson, S. Dak.

In politics the subject of this sketch is a Populist, formerly affiliating with the Republican party, and has always taken an active interest in local, school and township matters, as well as being one of the well-known men of the county. His ability as a civic official has been demonstrated in his able

discharge of the duties of the assessor of Norway township, which position he held for two years, and also as commissioner of Lincoln county, to which responsible position he was elected in 1894.

**W**M. SPOWAGE, who is now living a retired life in Meckling, Clay county, was born in Nottinghamshire, England, December 3, 1827. He was reared and grew to manhood in his native place, his early life being spent on his grandfather's farm, and after attaining more mature years he learned the carpenter trade which he followed as a means of livelihood until he left England, which was in 1853. After landing in the United States he went direct to Altoona, Penn., where he secured employment in the shops of the Pennsylvania railroad until 1857, and then started further west. He located in Stephenson county, Ill., following his trade there until the Civil war broke out, and in February, 1862, he became a member of company K, Forty-sixth Illinois regiment, infantry. He served faithfully until the close of hostilities, taking part with his regiment in many of the famous battles of that period of strife, among which we may name the engagements at Fort Donelson, Pittsburg Landing, Shiloh and the Mobile campaign.

After he was mustered out of service and discharged Mr. Spowage returned to Stephenson county, Ill., but only remained there a little over a year, as in the spring of 1867 he came to the territory of Dakota and took up a claim on section 25, of Meckling township, Clay county. On this property he settled, and, until 1890, was engaged in

general farming, but that year he removed to the town of Meckling and built the hotel which he has since turned over to his son—J. W. Spowage.

Mr. Spowage was united in marriage in Nottinghamshire, England, in May, 1853, to Miss Ann Cox, a native of that place, and to this union has been born a family of six children, of whom the following is a record: Thomas W., who was drowned in the Vermillion river at the time of the "big flood," was nineteen years old at his death; Annie, is the wife of William T. Elliott; John W. and Nellie, who is now Mrs. Samuel Harrington. Two children died when young in Stephenson county, Ill., and after thirty-five years of happy married life Mrs. Spowage also passed to the world beyond, her death occurring December 21, 1889.

Mr. Spowage besides being actively interested in local affairs is also a worker in religious matters and a member of the Baptist church. He was also instrumental in organizing the first Sunday-school in Meckling. Socially he belongs to Miner post No. 8, G. A. R.

**J**OSEPH YERTER, one of the most popular, generous and public-spirited citizens of Jefferson township, Union county, whose well improved farm is located in section 13, is a native born Canadian. He first saw the light in a little house about thirty miles below the city of Montreal November 15, 1857, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (LaBange) Yerter, both French Canadians. Joseph Yerter, Sr., was a farmer and also participated in the Canadian war of 1837. He and his wife

came to the United States in 1870 and made their home with our subject until their death, Mr. Yerter dying in 1875 and his wife in 1881. They were the parents of thirteen children only four of whom survive, viz.: Rosie, Julia, Joseph and Emily.

The subject of this personal history was reared in Canada where he resided on his father's farm till fifteen years of age and then went to Vermont where he was employed in a marble quarry for twenty-eight months. From Vermont he went to Dubuque, Iowa, and worked out on farms in the vicinity of that city till 1863 when he came to Union county and settled where he now lives. He was the first settler on the land he now occupies. He possessed two yoke of cattle and just sixty cents in money when he crossed the Big Sioux river but he was also the owner of a good pair of hands and an almost indefatigable constitution, backed up by a desire to succeed, and when he arrived he forthwith proceeded to put his faculties into play by erecting a log house which he covered with a roof of dirt and began the improvement of his future home. What he now has is the result of his own labor. The log house served for a home for four years, when he erected his present residence. There were but thirty-six votes in the whole county when he came here, and he has seen the country pass from an undeveloped prairie to its present condition. He has been exclusively a farmer and raises good stock—horses and cattle. Mr. Yerker put up the first school house ever erected in the county, in the fall of 1863. It stood in Jefferson township near where the brick church now is. It was used also as a Catholic church, and the priest from Omaha would come to the village occasionally to

say mass. He is a member of the Catholic church, of which he is also trustee and assisted in erecting the fine brick edifice the church now occupies. Mr. Yerter has been a school director for years and politically has been a life-long Democrat, a strong adherent to that party's principles. Mr. Yerter was married in 1860 to Miss Celina Brough, a native of Montreal and a daughter of Joseph Brough, who settled in Dubuque, Iowa, where he died. Mr. and Mrs. Yerter have no children, but took two girls to raise, to whom they gave every advantage of a liberal education; Mary Hicks is now the wife of Julius Quintal and lives in Civil Bend township, they have seven children; and Louise Muncie is the wife of Freeman Autier and lives in Sioux City, Iowa.

**R**LAAS J. DOEDEN is one of the foremost citizens of Monroe township, Turner county, which he represents as chairman of the board of supervisors, and as an enterprising and able farmer he is doing much to increase the material welfare of this section of the country. He was born in the kingdom of Hanover, Germany, August 1, 1840, and at the age of fifteen began an apprenticeship of four years at the shoemaker's trade. After becoming proficient in this line he followed it as a means of livelihood for eight years at different places, and then, making up his mind that no headway could be made in the fatherland, he determined to emigrate, hoping to better his condition in the land of whose resources he had heard such glowing accounts. He accordingly threw away his tools, and with a cousin embarked for the land of the free.

He arrived in New York city June 11, 1866, with one Prussian dollar in his pocket and \$70 in debt to his cousin, who accompanied him. The Prussian dollar he still has in his possession. Out of his earnings the first year in America he saved \$150, and, after liquidating the debt of \$70 which he had borrowed, with the remaining \$80 started west. His next location after leaving New York city was Ogle county, Ill., where he worked at his trade about a year and then went to farming, being employed by the day in the latter occupation for two years. From Illinois he went to Butler county, Iowa, worked out for a year, and then went to farming on his own account. He rented and operated a farm in the Hawkeye state until 1889, when he came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and has since lived in the neighborhood of Monroe. The first two years he rented land on which to carry on his farming operations, at the expiration of which time he purchased the 160 acres which now constitute his estate.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Lydia Voss, also a native of Germany, occurred January 23, 1871, and by this union they became the parents of three sons, viz.: Doede, Klaas, and Henry. Mrs. Doeden passed to her reward beyond the dark river in 1877, and Mr. Doeden has never remarried. He is a member of the New German Reformed church, and in political views affiliates with the Republican party. While a resident of Iowa he served as assessor of Madison township, Butler county; also as road overseer and trustee of the township; and since he has made his home here has held various of the public offices within the gift of the people. As chairman of the board of supervisors he was elected in 1896,

and this position he now holds; he has also served as road supervisor, as well as clerk and chairman of school district No. 9, his active, progressive spirit and well-balanced intellect amply fitting him for the duties of public life. Although comparatively a recent recruit to the community, he has favorably impressed his fellow-townsmen as a practical farmer and law-abiding citizen, and as such is highly esteemed and respected by all who know him.

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**D**UNCAN ROSS. It is always a rare pleasure to the biographical writer to meet with the pioneers of any state or county; to hear them recount thrilling experiences amid frontier surroundings; to listen to their descriptions of the land which was, during those early days, unimproved, and which bore no semblance to the highly-cultivated fields of the present time. Such an one is Mr. Ross, the subject of this short life history.

But few of the citizens of Union county have been more prospered in their vocations than this gentleman, who is one of the largest land-owners and most extensive farmers in this section of the country. Not only has he been prospered financially, but by his uprightness and honorable dealing with all, he has won an enviable reputation for probity and integrity. He was born in November, 1811, on a farm in Rosshire, Scotland, and grew to manhood there, imbibing the habits of thrift and industry so characteristic of the lads and lassies of the land of heather. His education was such as was afforded in the common schools in the parishes of Negg and Rosshire. It was not until 1856 that he decided to try his fortune

in the land of the free, and that year he came with his family to America. His first location was in the state of Minnesota, where he settled on a wild farm in Steele county. It was poor land, too, and ill-suited for the pursuit of agriculture, but Mr. Ross, with the aid of his sons, brought it to a fair state of cultivation. After living there for five years, he came to Union county, Dak. Ter., and located a prairie claim in Brule township, and then returned to Minnesota. The following year he brought his family with him, expecting to settle on the claim in Brule township, but when he arrived he found it had been "jumped," and was compelled to look around for another location. This he found in Jefferson township, where he remained for some years, with his family, and then bought the farm on which his home now stands, and where he has since resided. The improvements at that time were very meagre, and the property bore no semblance to the present well-tilled land. Settlers, too, were scarce, Mr. Ross being one of the first, and now the oldest living in the vicinity. All the hardships that beset the early pioneer fell to his lot with equal force, if not more so. He had but half a dollar in money when he crossed the Sioux river, and all that he now has he owes to his own exertions. He is among the wealthy men of Union county, and his landed possessions consist of 640 acres in Plymouth county, Iowa, and 820 acres in Union county, most all of which is improved, and on which he carries on exclusively a general farming business.

Mr. Ross was married in Scotland in 1837 to Miss Janet Menzes, who was a true wife and helpmate in all that the term implies, sharing with her husband the priva-

tions of a pioneer life, and striving to make his home not only a place of rest but of true domestic happiness where, after hours of toil, he could find the comfort for which his heart longed in the devotion of a true wife. She was overtaken by the grim traveler, Death, July 18, 1870, and is buried on the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Ross were the parents of thirteen children, five sons and two daughters of whom still survive, viz: James, Boyson, Robert, Walter, John, Mrs. Margaret Massey and Mrs. Susan Hardey. One son, Duncan, now deceased, served as a soldier in the Civil war. All the children were given the facilities for a good education by their indulgent parents, and have grown up intelligent men and women.

Mr. Ross was raised in the Presbyterian faith, and politically has voted for Republican candidates ever since casting his first ballot. He takes quite an active interest in local affairs, and has been a member of the school board and also road overseer during his residence in Sioux Valley township. One son, Robert, has been assessor. Although Mr. Ross has reached the venerable age of four score and five years, he is still remarkably well preserved and retains the use of all his faculties. His kind and loving nature are well-known characteristics, and he is highly respected and esteemed by his hosts of friends and all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

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**D**UANE C. SMITH is successfully pursuing farming on the fertile soil of Hurley township, Turner county, in section 4 of which he makes his home and base of operations. His skill and thorough practical knowledge

of his calling have been potent factors in producing the present solid prosperity of the locality, and it is with pleasure that we present to the readers of this volume a short sketch of his career.

Mr. Smith was born in Rock county, Wis., March 14, 1848, and is a son of J. N. Smith, one of the pioneers of the Badger state. He was educated in the common schools of his native place, and passed his early life much in the manner of farmer lads of his day, assisting his father on the farm until February, 1864, when he left home to enlist in the cause of right and justice, and become a soldier in the Civil war. He was enrolled in company A, Thirtieth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, and joined the regiment at Nashville, Tenn. August 17, 1864, he was captured by the Confederates and taken to Cahaba, Ala., where he experienced all the hardships and privations incident to life in a rebel prison. He was kept in confinement until April 17, 1865, when he was paroled at Vicksburg and returned home by way of St. Louis. Three of Mr. Smith's brothers also served in the war of the Rebellion. After spending a year at Waverly, Iowa, Mr. Smith went back to the Badger state and conducted a farm in Rock county until the fall of 1872, when he came to Dakota territory and entered as a homestead the property whereon he now makes his home. His was the first claim entered at that time for miles around, and the lumber for his first house he hauled all the way from Elk Point. His present farm consists of 240 acres on which he has put many improvements, among which may be mentioned a fine grove of trees of his own planting. The place is also supplied with neat and substantial build-

ings, and various other evidences of thrifty and able management, so that it forms one of the most desirable pieces of property in the neighborhood.

Mr. Smith was married January 14, 1869, to Miss Harriet E. Smiley, a native of Rock county, Wis. When she started to join her husband in Dakota, November 12, 1872, a terrible blizzard was raging, and she got only as far as Sioux City. On the first train for Elk Point, however, she arrived at that place and there she was met by her husband and completed the journey in a covered wagon to his claim. Their married life has been blessed to them by the advent of five children, of whom we note the following: Edna, wife of W. S. Coddington; Arch D., Alice M., Hattie E. and Delos C. The family are members of the Baptist church at Parker, of which Mr. Smith is trustee and deacon, and in Sunday-school work he also takes a prominent part. Mr. Smith is a Republican, stanch and true, and has been a delegate to various of the conventions of his party as well as interesting himself actively in local political matters. Socially he belongs to the G. A. R. post at Hurley, of which he is now chaplain.

CHARLES E. JUDD, president of the First National bank of Canton, is one of that city's ablest and most popular business men. Attention, method and industry are the foundation stones of success in business, and these combined with integrity of word and deed have been the corner stone of all his business transactions, and during his residence in Canton he has made many

warm friends throughout the county and city.

A native of Ripon, Wis., Mr. Judd was born February 23, 1858, and for six years resided in the vicinity of his birth place. In 1864 his parents removed to Charles City, Iowa, and there the subject of this brief history was educated and reared to manhood. He made his home in Charles City until 1880, having been employed there during his maturer years as a clerk and also in the abstract business, and that year he came to Canton, Dak. Ter. The first few months of his residence in the latter city were spent in an abstract office, but in June of the same year he was offered and accepted a position in the banking establishment of Messrs. Gale & Ward, by whom he was employed for thirteen months. At the expiration of that time Messrs. Taylor & Russell employed him as cashier and book-keeper, and soon after the organization of the Dakota Loan & Trust company, he was given the cashiership of that institution which continued until 1890. During the latter year the Dakota Loan & Trust company purchased the controlling interest in the First National bank, and with this institution Mr. Judd has been continuously interested ever since, first in the position of cashier and then as president, having been elected to the latter office January 1, 1893. Among various other enterprises in which Mr. Judd is interested may be named the Canton Building & Loan association, the organization of which was largely due to his efforts; he was the company's first secretary and is now its president.

It would seem that a man so largely interested in personal enterprises would have no time for those of a public nature, but in

this instance such is not the case. Mr. Judd has been actively identified with the establishment of many public improvements, and during his administration as mayor of Canton, was instrumental in securing for that city the fine water works and electric light plant, which are, to say the least, a credit to the community. Besides the position of mayor, to which he was elected twice and served two terms, he has been a member of the school board, and for three terms represented the interests of the people of his ward as alderman in the city council. Mr. Judd is in all respects one of the prominent and foremost citizens of Canton, and as such possesses the admiration and esteem of the entire community. He is public-spirited to a fault, and in the advancement of the public good and improvement of the city's welfare he is known to be an active and zealous worker. He helps swell the county's finances by paying taxes on two lots and buildings in Canton as well as 240 acres of land.

**J**OHN DAHL, one of Union county's most substantial and well-known citizens, whose beautiful home is located in Brule township, stands before his fellow townsmen a living story of what a man whose career has been fraught with discouragements from early life, can accomplish by patience, energy and economy.

Mr. Dahl was born in Norway, November 20, 1840, and is a son of Anders and Bertha Dahl, who lived and died in their native land. He was reared in the town of Trondhjem where he acquired his education and resided till 1861 when he left his native shores and emigrated alone to Amer-



ica, making the voyage across the ocean in the sailing vessel *Flora*, which consumed nine weeks in making the passage. He landed at Quebec where his money gave out, forcing him to seek employment. This he found at Pachenheim, about thirty miles from Ottawa, where he worked for fourteen months at \$6 per month, which money he sent to Norway to his mother. His next move was to Chicago and from there to the lumber regions in Wisconsin; there in the woods at Peshtigo he labored for six years at logging, the last two years of which service he had a scaling job which paid him \$35 per month and board. The first four years he got but \$18 and board. From Peshtigo he started for Chicago again, in which city he engaged in the express business, driving his own wagon, and from there he came to Union county, Dak. Ter., locating where he now lives in the year 1867, at which time he entered 160 acres of land. He first put up a shanty covered with straw and took up life there and began clearing his land, the first year he and Sam Dahl purchasing two yoke of cattle, two cows and a wagon. In November, 1867, following his settlement, he went to Sioux City and was there united in matrimony to Miss Christine LeFlethws Gunderson, of that city, and for a wedding trip went by ox team to Dennison, Iowa. Returning to Union county, Dak., he took up life with his bride in a rented shanty but subsequently built a neat log house with cellar. This log house yet stands but has given way to the comfortable and modern residence in which he and his wife are at present living. He now owns 200 acres mostly under cultivation, and the improvements on his property are among the best in the township.

Mr. Dahl is a Republican and a strong adherent to that party's principles. He is a man of good executive ability and sound judgment and was honored by his fellow townsmen in 1870 by being elected assessor of Brule township, and in 1872, assessor for Brule and Elk Point townships, holding the position in Brule township for fourteen years. He was nominated and elected a delegate to the second constitutional convention held at Huron, S. Dak., and has held at various times most of the school offices of the township.

Mr. Dahl and wife have been blest with three children, viz.: Albert, who is at home in charge of the farm; Jennie L. and Bertha C., the latter being teachers in the public schools of Union county. They have thorough practical educations and are among the prominent teachers of the county. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church of Brule township, in which he has been deacon and trustee for many years past. He is also president of the Viking Association of old settlers. He is an enterprising and progressive man whose start on the road to fortune was beset with many trials, but courage and fortitude were dominant traits in his character and he always arose equal to every emergency. Patience, too, he has always had, contenting himself with diligent, persistent effort and then awaiting the ticking of fortune's wheel for results.

**S**TEPHEN JESSE. A fine tract of land consisting of 174 acres on section 10, Monroe township, Turner county, is the source from which this gentleman derives a good sup-







HON. JAMES WHITEHORN

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port and makes a provision for the future. It is well stocked, well improved and well managed, and in all respects a well regulated estate. The owner is a native of the kingdom of Prussia, and was born December 17, 1852. He passed his boyhood and grew to maturity in his native place, and from the age of fifteen years followed the occupation of shepherd.

Mr. Jesse was twenty-three years of age when he bade adieu to his native land and sailed for America. After landing at New York city he proceeded west to Wisconsin and located in Columbia county, where he secured employment working on farms by the month. He first made his appearance in Turner county, Dak. Ter., in 1880, and at that time took up the farm whereon he now resides. Two years later he returned to Wisconsin, and there was united in marriage to Miss Anstenna Reck, also a native of Germany, but reared in America from her twelfth year. After the ceremony which made them one was performed, our subject returned to his farm with his bride, and there they have since made their home. The estate, as stated above, consists of 174 broad and fertile acres, and on this property Mr. Jesse has erected good and substantial buildings, set out a grove of trees, and in other ways improved its appearance as well as at the same time enhancing its value. He carries on a general farming and stock raising business.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jesse have been born seven children, viz.: Frank, Lizzie, Martin, Agnes, Lena, William, and Albert, all of whom yet brighten the family circle, and Mr. Jesse and his wife are devout members of the Catholic church.

As a man and citizen our subject has al-

ways done his duty, and is highly thought of in the community where he makes his home. He attends strictly to his own business and is straightforward and manly in his dealings with others. Politically he is a strong Democrat. No one is more ardently interested in the welfare of Monroe township than he, and as one of its board of supervisors, to which office he was elected in 1894 and re-elected to in 1896, he has striven to advance the cause of sound business management of local affairs within its borders.

**H**ON. JAMES WHITEHORN, deceased, was for over a quarter of a century prior to his death one of the prominent and well-known citizens of Norway township, Clay county, where he was engaged quite extensively in the general farming business.

Mr. Whitehorn was born in September, 1813, in Wallingford, Vt., where he passed his childhood and youth, and grew to mature years. After his first marriage, which occurred at Brandon, Vt., December 31, 1833, to Miss Fanny Rodgers, also a native of the Green Mountain state, our subject and his bride resided in different places—wherever he secured employment at his trade, which was that of a foundryman. Later in life he located at Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, with his family, and there engaged in the business of brick making up to the death of his wife, which occurred in 1859. The next year he came to Dakota territory and settled on the farm in Clay county where he also passed from time to eternity, February 27, 1887. He was a man well-liked and highly respected wherever known. Pos-

sessing many excellent traits of character, his friendships were of a very warm nature, and while he never did anything for show or parade he was liberal and generous as many can attest. His career in Dakota was marked by industry and perseverance devoted to the cultivation of his farm, and at his death the estate comprised 240 broad and fertile acres, all improved, and forming an attractive, as well as valuable piece of land. Being closely identified with the growth and development of the community in general, he was several times called upon to accept positions of trust, one of which was a term in the territorial legislature as one of Clay county's representatives, and in all he acquitted himself with marked ability.

The second marriage of our subject was celebrated in this county May 20, 1879, at which time he led to the hymeneal altar Miss Caroline Fernald, a native of the state of Maine, born November 4, 1848. She survives and makes her residence on the old homestead. By his first wife Mr. Whitehorn became the parent of nine children, two sons and seven daughters, five of whom are still spared to this world.

The portrait of the late Mr. Whitehorn, presented in connection with this brief history, will be welcomed by his many friends as a valuable addition to this volume, which aims to perpetuate the life records and features of many of South Dakota's most prominent citizens.

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**O**LE L. KVAALE. Many fine farms with well-tilled grain fields, fruitful orchards and all the modern conveniences in the way of farm buildings, will meet the eye of the traveler

over Union county. Even a cursory glance will afford him an accurate idea of the characteristics of the owners and occupants of these homes, as prosperity is only acquired by well directed efforts and an orderly estate affords conclusive evidence of good taste. Probably among the many attractive farms of Spink township none present a more inviting appearance than that of Mr. Kvaale, it being in every respect a well-ordered place. He has been a conspicuous figure in the development and extension of the great agricultural interests of this part of the county, and no man has done more than he to promote the material welfare of Spink township, of which he has been a resident for twenty-three years.

The gentleman whose name introduces these few brief paragraphs, is a native of Norway, and was born in Trondhjem, December 22, 1842. He was bred to the life of a farmer, reared and educated there, and during his more mature years learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. When he had attained the age of twenty-two years he enlisted in the Norwegian army, infantry, as a private, and served for three years in that capacity in the vicinity of his native place. Mr. Kvaale was an ambitious young man, of large enterprise and great tenacity of purpose, and decided to try his fortune in the new world, where he was convinced he could do as well if not better than by remaining in the land of his birth. In March, 1870, he started with thirteen others for America, and all of the company after landing came direct to Ishpeming, Mich. Until the fall of 1873 our subject worked in the iron mines in the vicinity and followed his trade as carpenter off and on. He was one of the company formed which estab-

lished what was called the Nora store at Ishpening, and this enterprise is now owned and conducted by F. Braasted & Company. September 1, 1873, he came to Dakota territory, and settled on a homestead on section 35, of Spink township, it being the northeast quarter of that section. The first year he lived in a "dug out" and then the following year built a little house, and began in earnest to improve his land. Beside putting the property under good cultivation, he planted six acres of trees, and built a good residence, barn and other out buildings. On this homestead he continued to reside until 1881, and then he sold out and removed to his present location. This land was like his first claim—all wild and unimproved—and he has by his own industry brought it to its present condition. It consists of 880 acres, to which he has devoted his time in improving, and there is no better equipped or more desirable farm in this section of the country than his. He has planted all the groves, orchard, etc., and has erected a splendid set of farm buildings, which are easily the finest in the township. This includes a large and commodious residence in which he and his family live a happy life, surrounded by every comfort and luxury that heart could wish. He has succeeded admirably in all his undertakings since his arrival in America; when he landed he was \$5 in debt, but by the exercise of industry and frugality, he has wonderfully prospered, and since then has bought and sent to friends in the old country twenty-two tickets for passage to America. He conducts a general farming and stock business, feeding a couple of carloads of stock every winter.

The wife of our subject bore the maiden

name of Miss Mary Ofsted, who is also a native of Norway, and was born in 1850. She was married to Mr. Kvaale, November 15, 1871, and to them have been born seven children, viz.: Annie, Lars, Knute, Martin, Mary, Peter, and Ole, Jr. All the family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church of Spink township, and our subject has been treasurer thereof, and also a member of the building committee. Mr. Kvaale has been a member of the school board, and in this connection it may be stated that his children have been given every facility for acquiring a thorough education. Politically he is an ardent Republican, and that party finds a strong supporter in the person of our subject. As a citizen there is none other who has been more interested in the growth of the community in general, and many enterprises, which have for their object the welfare and advancement of the public's interests, find a staunch and liberal supporter in Mr. Kvaale, who, when convinced of the worth of the enterprise, will do all in his power to push it to completion regardless of the cost. He is prominent in many ways, and one of the wealthiest citizens of the county.

**G**ODFREY BECHARD, one of Union county's hard-working, thrifty and industrious citizens, who has a nice, comfortable home and a fine farm in Jefferson township, is a native of Iberville, Lower Canada, and was born November 11, 1834. He grew to manhood on a farm in his native country, and in the common schools of that land acquired a practical education. In 1871, after he had accumulated some means, he came to the

"states," and located where he now resides and has lived ever since. The property he bought was but slightly improved, and the residence, barns, etc., now on the land he has built himself. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising, and owns 480 acres, 400 of which are under cultivation. Mr. Bechard has been quite successful in his farming operations, by unceasing effort in the development of his property, and he to-day has one of the best-improved places in the township. He was brought up to hard work, and being naturally industrious, has no patience with idlers. By frugality, well-applied judgment and sound management, he has succeeded in accumulating a competence which will tide him past the shore from which everyone must embark.

Mr. Bechard was married in 1856 to Miss Aglae Menard, a native of Canada, born in 1839, and they are the parents of four children, viz.: Ephraim, Alonzo, Auzenie and Frederick. The youngest son has been attending a college in Canada the last four years, completing his education. Our subject takes an active interest in school matters, and is a member of the Catholic church in Jefferson, in which he is an ardent worker and a member of the choir. He has always used his right of suffrage in supporting the principles of the Democratic party, and is a strong adherent to same.

**H**ENRY H. DE LONG. This gentleman is the present clerk of the county and circuit courts of Lincoln county, and is one of the prominent citizens of Canton. He was born in Portage county, Ohio, August 4, 1840, and

is a son of Reuben F. De Long, whose biography follows. Henry lived a part of his early life in the villages of Windom and Clarendon, Ohio, where he attended the public schools; but when he was about twelve years old he removed to Will county, Ill., to take up his residence with a brother-in-law. The following year his father and the balance of the family also removed to Illinois, and in Will county they lived until 1855, when they removed to Livingston county of the same state. In the latter county our subject grew to mature years, and when the war broke out was one of the first to shoulder arms and enlist in the defense of the Union. Mr. De Long's term of service dated from August 8, 1861, when he enlisted in company C, Thirty-ninth Illinois regiment, infantry, to December 20, 1865, over four years. He enlisted as a private in the city of Chicago, and when mustered out at Springfield, Ill., was serving as first lieutenant of his company. He was a participant in many of the engagements of the late war, being in the first battle of Winchester, Va., Malvern Hill, the siege and capture of the forts in front of Charleston, S. C., the battles of Drewry's Bluff, Deep Bottom, Signal Hill and Strawberry Plains, Va., the siege of Petersburg, the capture of Fort Harrison, and numerous other battles which took place in the vicinity of Richmond and Petersburg, Va. He was also at the capture of Petersburg and the surrender of Gen. Lee. In the siege of Charleston he was slightly wounded, and in an engagement at Richmond was again wounded, the latter laying him up for seven months. He recovered, however, and served till the close of hostilities, when he returned to Livingston county,

Ill. At Fairbury he started in the boot and shoe business and remained there until 1869, when he located in Lincoln county, Dakota territory.

Mr. De Long, since his residence in Dakota, has always taken an active part in local political affairs. The original homestead on which he filed was in Canton township near the town of Canton, and while carrying on farming operations there held numerous township offices. Since January 1, 1890, however, he has made his home in Canton, having assumed the duties of clerk of courts at that time, and in this capacity he has served continuously ever since. Politically he is a Republican of the straightest type, on national issues, and he possesses a vigorous, intelligent mind, is liberal in his views and generous in his acts. A man of his calibre and high standing is necessarily a good citizen and influential in his community, and the result is that he has been called upon to serve his fellow-townsmen in various official capacities. The cause of temperance also claims much of the attention of our subject. Socially he is a member of the General Lyon post No. 11, G. A. R., and also of the Masonic fraternity.

That Mr. DeLong enjoys the coziness and comforts of an attractive home is due in part to the faithful co-operation of his estimable wife to whom he was married in Livingston county, Ill., November 6, 1866. She bore the maiden name of Martha A. Parcels, and was a native of Indiana, a daughter of the late Rev. James Parcels, a Methodist clergyman. Mr. and Mrs. De Long's happy wedded life has been blest with six children, viz.: Luella, the wife of Albert Tucker; Fred P.; Edwin M.; Harriet M.; Abbie L. and Lee H.

REUBEN F. DELONG, deceased, the father of the gentleman whose life history occupies the above paragraphs, was a native of Vermont, born in the town of Lincoln. Such education as was afforded in those days he had the benefit of, but when only twelve years of age started by himself on foot, for Ohio. He spent the most of his youth in Windom, Portage Co., Ohio, and after he had grown to manhood was there married to Miss Lydia Streeter, who was also a native of Vermont. He and his wife continued to reside in Portage county, later removing to Geauga county of the same state, thence to Will county, Ill., and later to Livingston county, same state, where they remained until 1869. That year they settled in Canton township, Lincoln county, took up a homestead on section 3, and there made a permanent home, Mr. DeLong dying in 1883, his good wife having preceded him in 1880. They had a family of eleven children, five sons and six daughters.

HENRY WESTRE is one of the prominent and well-known citizens of Meckling, where he is engaged in the general merchandise business. He was born in Norway, February 14, 1859, and was but a lad of six years when his parents emigrated with their family to America. They settled originally in La Salle county, Ill., but only for a short time, however, as the next year they removed to Mahaska county, Iowa, and in 1870, came to Dakota territory. Mr. Westre settled on a farm in Pleasant Valley township with his family and there he and his good wife passed from time to eternity.

Our subject after coming to this country

remained with his parents until their death. He was bred to the life of a farmer and followed this occupation until 1888, when he engaged in the buying, selling and shipping of live stock. In the spring of 1891 he established a general store in Meckling, and this enterprise he has since continued to conduct in connection with his stock interests. He also owns 160 acres of land in Meckling township which he rents and thus derives a neat income therefrom. He is recognized as a thorough going business man and a good citizen who has the interests of his community at heart, and in all the relations of life that he has sustained toward others he has shown himself to be guided by sterling principles. Politically he is a Republican, and during President Harrison's administration served as postmaster of the village.

Mr. Westre was united in marriage June 29, 1890, to Miss Olive E. Thorson, a daughter of Samuel Thorson, of La Salle county, Ill., where Mrs. Westre was born and reared. Her training and education were carefully looked after, and she understands well the art of making a cheerful and attractive home.

**J**OHNS SHEPARDSON, one of Turner county's earliest settlers and an industrious and enterprising farmer, located in section 12 of Parker township, is a native of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and was born June 13, 1835. He is a son of John and Eliza (Upham) Shepardson, the former a native of Vermont, where he passed his boyhood, and the latter born in Massachusetts. They were married in Erie county, Pa., where they located on a farm and resided until Mr. Shepardson's

death, he living to be sixty-three years old. Mrs. Shepardson died at the age of eighty-three years, in Iowa. They had a family of seven children, all of whom grew to man and womanhood.

John was the second child and was reared in Erie county, Pa., where he attended the common schools, and also took a course at Waterford academy, at Waterford, Pa. He remained at home until twenty-three years old, assisting on the farm, and then started out in the world for himself. His first location was in Kane county, Ill., where he engaged in farming and selling nursery stock. In 1861 Mr. Shepardson enlisted in company C, Fifty-second Illinois regiment, infantry, and was later discharged on account of disability. That same year he was married to Miss Carrie Wheeler, a native of Schenectady, N. Y., who was born November 4, 1842. She passed her childhood until ten years of age in her native place, and then accompanied her parents to Kane county, Ill. Her father, Peter Wheeler, was a native of New York, his father and mother coming from England. Her mother, Jane (Truax) Wheeler, was also a native of the Empire state, of Dutch descent, her parents coming from Holland. Mr. and Mrs. Shepardson, the first four years of their marriage, resided on a farm in Grant county, Wis., when they returned to Kane county, Ill. They remained there for five years and then removed to Greene county, Iowa, four years later coming to Turner county, Dak. Ter. This was in 1874, and there were only seven families in the township, where he located on a claim of 160 acres. He still resides on this original homestead, on which he has made many improvements.



In politics Mr. Shepardson is a staunch Republican and always votes that ticket. He takes an active interest in school matters, and has been director of the school board for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Shepardson have one adopted daughter, Edith, and the family have been members of the Baptist church since its organization.

**A**LSON LEVENSWORTH BOVEE is one of Union county's prominent citizens, both publicly and privately, has been a resident of South Dakota since October, 1868, when he settled in Elk Point township on a homestead of 160 acres. This land he broke and improved, and four years later removed to the city of Elk Point. Since he has lived there he has been engaged in various occupations. In 1870 he took a contract to furnish 18,000 railroad ties for the railroad at Elk Point. The first fourteen ties he cut and delivered were looked upon as a curiosity by the people of the town, because of the fact that they felt assured they would now get the railroad, which had long been a great necessity. Elk Point's first hotel he also purchased and conducted for a short time, selling out to engage in the butcher business, and incidentally buying and selling live-stock, in which he dealt extensively for three years.

Mr. Bovee is a native of the "Empire state," and first saw the light of day in Alleghany county, N. Y., on the Cattaraugus reservation, in 1846. His parents, Norman and Permelia (Loucks) Bovee, were natives respectively of Genesee and Chautauqua counties, of that state, his father being a millwright by trade, which occupation he

followed through life. They had a family of children, but our subject is the only one now living. Alson remained in his native place until seven years old, and then came with his parents to Will county, Ill. There he attended the public schools of the district, and later the Joliet high school until he was nineteen years old, when he started in farming and handling stock. For two years he remained at this work, and in 1868 located in Dakota territory, as stated above. He erected a log house with sod roof for shelter, and attempted to raise a crop, but that was during the grasshopper times, and his effort resulted in a dismal failure, all his labor being spent for the benefit of the insects. During the winter he gained a livelihood by doing freighting with his team to Fort Randall and Crow Creek agency, a distance of about 300 miles, at which he made a fair living; but this was only possible during the winter months, as steamboats on the Missouri river did the business the balance of the year. Since he has lived here he has handled a great many finely-bred horses, and gained quite a reputation as an auctioneer, not only of live-stock, but also of real and personal property, conducting sales at various points in Nebraska, Iowa and his own state. He has always taken quite an active interest in the public affairs of both county and state, and is now chairman of the Populist county central committee and a member of the state central committee. He has affiliated with the Populist party, and his first public office was that of sheriff, being appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. William Beaumont, deceased. He was elected to the position the next year, and subsequently re-elected, serving in all a little over two terms. Later

he was appointed deputy warden at the state penitentiary at Sioux Falls, remained there a short time, and four years later, after his return to Union county, was again elected sheriff for two years. Besides the above, he has also held various city offices of minor importance.

Mr. Bovee was united in marriage, November 19, 1867, in Will county, Ill., to Miss Sarah J. Stebbins, and this union has been blessed with a family of five daughters, viz.: Agnes P., a teacher in the public schools of Elk Point; Jennie A., a principal and teacher of Newcastle, Neb.; Sarah E., Leila M. and Alice June. Two children are deceased—Alson N. died at the age of two years; Mary died at nine months of age.

**P**HILIPPE BEAUCHEMIN, a prosperous and enterprising farmer, who is located in section 15, Civil Bend township, has been a resident of Union county since 1870, when he came from Canada, province of Quebec, where he was born in 1849. He received a practical education in his native land, spending his boyhood days on his father's farm. His father, Alfred Beauchemin, who now resides with our subject, originally bought the farm in Union county, and Philippe assisted him in conducting it, eventually purchasing the land from his father. His early residence here was spent in a log house, and this farm has been his home ever since, except for two years when he was employed in railroad work. Mr. Beauchemin is one of the prominent citizens of his locality, is popular with his fellow townsmen, and keeps abreast of the times. He has succeeded admirably since

coming to Union county, and has a fine farm of 160 acres, most of which is under cultivation and well improved. He also has a splendid grove of trees that he planted which is without doubt the finest in the county, and of which he can be justly proud. He does a general farming business and raises wheat, corn, etc.

Mr. Beauchemin was united in marriage in 1879 to Miss Louise La Breche, a daughter of Hon. Charles La Breche, a resident of this county, and they are the parents of four children—Richard, Charles, Eva and Clara respectively. Mrs. Beauchemin died in the fall of 1888, and our subject subsequently married Miss Sophie Cosley, a native of Dubuque, Iowa, in 1892, who has borne him two children, viz.: Philippe and Alexina. The family are devout members of the Catholic church, at Jefferson, in which he has been an officer. He has also been a director of the school board. Mr. Beauchemin has never taken an active interest in the whirlpool of politics; he has been a Democrat, but at present is independent of party ties.

**I**U. IWERKS. The subject of this sketch may be truly classed as one of the old settlers of Turner county, as he came here in 1872 when but twelve years of age and has since made the county his home, his present residence being in section 11 of Monroe township, where he is conducting a general farming business on his estate of 160 acres.

Ubbe and Maggie Iwerks, the parents of our subject, came from Germany to this country in 1869, and located in Ogle county, Ill., where they remained until

1872. In May of that year they removed to Vermillion, Clay Co., Dak. Ter., and shortly after Mr. Iwerks homesteaded 160 acres near what is now Davis, but which at that time was known as Turner. The spring of 1873 he located on his property with his family and until his death, which occurred in the sixty-seventh year of his life, he devoted his life to improving his farm. I. U. Iwerks was born in East Friesland, Germany, January 5, 1860, and was nine years of age when he accompanied his parents to America. He located with them in Ogle county, Ill., and when they removed to Dakota territory he also came with them and grew up on the farm, he being his father's only assistant in developing the raw prairie land and getting it under cultivation. He remained a member of the parental household until he was married in 1882, and in the spring of 1883 located on the farm where he now lives, which he entered as a homestead. All the improvements on his place he has made himself, including a fine two-story frame house built in 1892, and all other necessary buildings for the convenient and economical prosecution of the farm work.

The lady who presides over the household of our subject bore the maiden name of Miss Hannah Gortmaker, is a native of Germany but was raised in America since a mere baby. By her union with Mr. Iwerks they have become the parents of a family of seven interesting children, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Maggie, Minnie, Ubbe, Jennie, Ernst, Carrie and Irax. Mr. Iwerks and his wife are members of the Evangelical church, and take an active interest in all religious matters. He is superintendent of the Sunday

school. Politically Mr. Iwerks uses his elective franchise in supporting candidates of the Republican party and is a member of the township central committee. He is now serving as clerk of the school district and was chairman of the first board of supervisors of Monroe township, which position he held for two years. He is also correspondent of the New Era, published at Parker.

**H**ON. OLE OLSON, JR. This gentleman, who possesses the honor of being the first white child born in Clay county, is now engaged in the pursuit of agriculture in section 34, of Meckling township, where he owns a fine farm of 240 acres from which he is reaping a golden harvest. His father, Ole Olson, Sr., came from Norway to Dane county, Wis., in 1858, then the following year to Clay county, Dak. Ter., where he settled in Norway township. A few months later, however, he removed to section 34 of Meckling township, with his family and located on a claim of 160 acres which he had previously entered as a homestead, and there he is still living. His wife bore the maiden name of Miss Torbjør Langland, and to their marriage was born seven children, the subject of this sketch being the second in order of birth and the eldest son.

Ole Olson, Jr., first opened his eyes to the light of day in Norway township, March 2, 1860. Ole was reared on his father's farm in Meckling township and received such education as was afforded the youth of those pioneer days in the common schools. When he was twenty-four years of age he was married to Miss Karen T. Dahl, a na-

tive of Norway, born July 13, 1858. Mrs. Olson came to America with her parents when eight years old and settled in Wisconsin, and in December, 1882, arrived in Norway township, Clay county, where her marriage with our subject occurred May 1, 1884. This union has been productive of a family of five children, on whom the following names have been bestowed: Oscar L., Hans A., Theodor I., Theresa O. K. and Arthur C. L.

After their wedding Mr. and Mrs. Olson took up their domestic life in Meckling township, and lived there four years, at the expiration of which time they removed to Sioux Falls. In the latter city Mr. Olson engaged in the grain business until November, 1890, being appointed a member of the police force at that time, and then in the spring of 1892, he started a real-estate office. This latter enterprise, however, he conducted but a few months and then returned to Clay county, built a grain house at Meckling which he operated a couple of years, and in the spring of 1894 sold out the latter business and settled on his father's old homestead on section 34 of Meckling township, which he had previously purchased. As stated above, this property consists of 240 acres, on which is to be found a complete set of farm structures, all kept in first-class repair.

Our subject has been closely identified with the growth and progress of the county and state, and has held at various times all the offices of the township—assessor, treasurer, justice of the peace, and school positions. In 1885 he served one term as a member of the territorial legislature, and in 1894, was elected to the state senate, in the deliberations of which body he took

quite an active part. Politically he is with the Populist party, and religiously holds membership, as does his wife, in the Norwegian Lutheran church, in which he has filled several responsible positions.

**S**AMUEL ESLICK, deceased, a resident of Union county from 1867 until his death, was born in Indiana, a son of Samuel Eslick, of whose ancestors nothing is known except that the name savors of German origin. Young Samuel was reared in Taney county, Mo., where his parents settled when a boy. He grew to manhood there and in due time was married, Miss Nancy Pierce being the bride. The wedding journey of the young couple consisted of a trip of twelve miles on horseback to their new home, and, as they owned but one horse at the time, the newly-made bride rode behind her husband. A feather bed served as a saddle, and cooking utensils were carried in their hands. Subsequently, about the year 1851, the family removed to Webster county, Iowa, and there Mr. Eslick farmed till he came to Union county, Dak. Ter., which was in the fall of 1867. He entered 160 acres of government land and built a cabin 16 x 24 feet from logs which he hauled from the Missouri river. He was frugal and industrious and his farm reached a high state of development before his demise. Prosperity smiled on his efforts and he accumulated considerable property, leaving all his children in comfortable circumstances. He was a man whom everybody liked, having as few faults, perhaps, as the best of men, and though he belonged to no particular church, he was of a deeply

religious nature, never used vulgar or profane language in any form, and always followed the teachings of the Golden Rule—"Do unto others as you would have them do to you." He was well known and universally respected for his many excellent traits of character. Mrs. Eslick was an estimable lady, a member of the United Brethren church and very devout in her belief. Mr. Eslick was a Democrat in politics and generally supported that ticket until the last few days of his life. During his residence in Missouri he was assessor for his township eight years, and in Webster county, Iowa, held the office of sheriff eight years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eslick were born ten children, eight of whom still survive, viz.: Mary McGuire, John D., A. J., Samuel, Thomas, William, Rebecca Brownell, and Lavina Allen. The deceased are Henry and Nancy, the former dying in this county and the latter in Iowa. John D. and A. J. were soldiers in the Civil war, John D. serving four years and A. J. being one hundred days in service. Mr. Eslick died December 27, 1893, aged seventy-five years and his wife in 1890, aged sixty-eight years.

SAMUEL ESLICK, JR., was born in Missouri in 1847, four years before his parents moved to Iowa. In the latter state he received a limited education in the common schools of the district and was twenty years of age when he moved with his parents to Dakota territory. He was married in 1884 to Miss Louisa Davis, a daughter of Theodorus Davis, an old settler, after which event he settled on a farm that he had previously purchased, paying \$1,200 for 160 acres, on which he now resides. Mr. Eslick is like his father in temperament and habits, is

possessed of great good nature and is popular with his fellows. He has a pretty home, large, nicely appointed house, and his farm is well improved with good barns, outbuildings, etc. He is a Populist in politics and a zealous adherent to its principles. To Mr. Eslick and wife have been born one child, deceased.

FRANK BATDRAW, who came to Union county in 1862 and has seen the territory change from untilled prairie land to its present well cultivated state, is one of a family of six children, four of whom besides our subject are living, viz.: Mrs. Mary Fountain, deceased; Mrs. Sophie La Fleur, Mrs. Lucy Brouillette, Charles and John. He was born in 1842 in Dubuque county, Iowa, and is a son of Stephen and Julia (Puizhette) Batdraw, the former a native of Canada and the latter born in New York.

Stephen Batdraw was one of the early settlers of Dubuque county, Iowa. He resided in the city of Dubuque for a time subsequent to his arrival where he was in the hotel business; later he bought a farm near the city which he improved and conducted till coming to Union county. At that time he homesteaded the farm on which his son, the subject of this biography, now resides. The territory was wholly undeveloped at that time but he worked hard and improved his property which his son now has under good cultivation. Mr. Batdraw and his wife were both devout members of the Catholic church, and he died in 1879 aged seventy-four years.

Frank was raised mostly in the country and has always followed the occupation of

farming. He received his education in the common schools of Dubuque and came to Dakota when he was twenty years old and assisted his father in developing the farm. He remembers the grasshoppers when they were so numerous and did so much damage; the troublesome Indians; has passed through all the overflows of the Missouri river, and while he did not escape unscathed from his contact with these different plagues, he bore it uncomplainingly and eventually prospered, and now has 320 acres of fine land, of which 160 are under cultivation. He farms exclusively and raises wheat, corn, oats, etc.

Mr. Battraw has never taken any chances in the "lottery of love" and is unmarried. He is a member of the Catholic church at Jefferson in good standing and has also been a member of the school board. In politics he casts his vote for the best man regardless of party.

**J**OHAN E. DAVIS. The subject of this sketch has a fine farm of 300 acres adjoining the village of Lennox, where he carries on a general farming business. He pre-empted the land on which he now lives in 1876, and the next year returned to Wisconsin for his family, who accompanied him back to their new home and have continued to reside there ever since. When he came to Lincoln county he had four horses, but two of them died shortly after; with the remaining two he hitched a cow, and with this unique and novel team broke thirty acres of land for himself and two acres for a neighbor; the cow became accustomed to the work, and stood it equally as well as the horses. Mr. Davis

originally owned 400 acres, but when the town of Lennox was located he platted a part of the land in town lots, as stated above. He is now the possessor of 300 acres, on which he has erected a beautiful and commodious house, which is a credit to his progressive and enterprising nature.

Mr. Davis was born at Ottawa, Ill., in 1848, the only child born to David and Ruth (Parker) Davis, both of whom were natives of New Portland, Maine. His maternal grandfather, John Parker, was a son of Josiah Parker, an old Revolutionary war soldier, and a native of Groton, Middlesex Co., Mass. Our subject grew to manhood in Hudson, Wis., and in 1864, when but sixteen years of age he enlisted in company K, Fiftieth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, as a private. The regiment was ordered to Missouri, and stationed at Miami, Jefferson City, and Fort Leavenworth, Kans. From Fort Leavenworth they were transferred to Fort Rice, now in the state of North Dakota, where they went to suppress the uprising Indians who were being goaded to hostility by southern emissaries and enemies of the Union. He received an honorable discharge in June, 1866, and returned to his home in Hudson, Wis., where, in 1871, he was married to Miss Nellie F., a daughter of Elijah Whitney. Mr. and Mrs. Davis continued to reside on a farm in Wisconsin until 1876, the year he located in Dakota, as stated above. They became the parents of five children, as follows: Otis E., Herbert E., Eva B., Harry E. and Roy F. Mr. Davis belongs to the G. A. R. post at Lennox, in which he has held the offices from commander down, and he and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of the same town.

**W** C. WALKER, one of the prominent young farmers of Parker township, Turner county, who resides in section 12, is a native of the Prairie state, and was born February 15, 1860, in McDonough county, Ill. He is a son of P. T. and Mariah (Beaty) Walker, the former a native of Kentucky, who came with his parents to McDonough county, Ill., when about ten years old, and the latter born in Pennsylvania, of German descent, and reared in Illinois. P. T. Walker lived in Illinois until two years after the death of his wife, which occurred in 1865, and then he removed to Jasper county, Iowa, and opened a store in Monroe. Later he came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., where he entered half a section of land as a homestead and timber claim, in Finlay township, but now makes his home with his son, the subject of this biography. His father, Hon. Cyrus Walker, was one of the prominent lawyers of his day and a close friend of Hon. Stephen A. Douglas; when the latter gentleman was circuit judge they officed together. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, and married a cousin of President Lincoln's wife.

The subject of this biography was but five years old when his mother's demise occurred, and when his father went to Iowa he accompanied him. In the public schools of Monroe he obtained a practical education, and remained with his father after coming to Dakota until his marriage, March 1, 1886, when he led to the altar Miss Cecelia Mabee. She is a native of Canada, in which country her girlhood was passed until she was eight years of age, when her parents came to Clinton, Iowa, and removed to Turner county the same year our subject

arrived. Mr. Walker and his wife, after their marriage, located on a farm of 160 acres which he owned in Finlay township, and lived there until 1890. In 1891 he purchased his present farm, which comprises 240 acres in section 12, Parker township. Just at present he devotes his time exclusively to dairying and rents out his farm. He is milking twenty cows, and hauls the product to the Golden Rod creamery, at Parker. Mr. Walker is a Republican, and in favor of a gold standard in money matters. Religiously, he is a Presbyterian, and socially, is a member of the Parker lodge, M. W. A. He also is president of the Finlay and Parker school township board, which comprises eleven schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker have one daughter, Alice, three years of age.

**S**ALMON MAYNARD, who is engaged in the pursuit of agriculture near Richland, Union county, located on the property where he now lives in 1869, having previously decided on settling on the land where the Centennial mill now stands, but did not file on it, after which he entered 200 acres which is his present home.

Mr. Maynard was born in Granville, Washington county, N. Y., in 1836, a son of Rufus and Cloey (Wheat) Maynard, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter probably from Vermont. Samuel Maynard, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of the "old Bay state," and served during the Revolutionary war participating in the celebrated battle of Bunker Hill. The Maynard family are English descent, four brothers having emigrated



to this country in early colonial times. Rufus Maynard in 1847 moved to Walworth county, Wis., settling near Geneva; there he bought land and lived till his family were grown, when he came to Winona county, Minn., and settled near St. Charles. His death occurred while residing there about 1882, Mrs. Maynard having died in Wisconsin. He served for a time during the war of 1812, and was on the battlefield of Plattsburg just after the engagement closed, his regiment having been marched seventy miles to take part in this battle.

He was a pensioner on the rolls of the government for the part he took in this war. He and his wife were the parents of fifteen children, only four of whom still survive, viz.: Porter Samuel, Salmon, Caroline and Betsy O.

Salmon Maynard's boyhood after he was ten years of age, was passed in Wisconsin, where he received an education in the common schools. While in Minnesota he enlisted in the Third Minnesota battery, this being in 1865, and was transferred to the frontier of Minnesota and northern Dakota to keep the Indians quiet. In this service he remained a little over a year. After the war he returned to Minnesota, where he lived till his settlement in Union county, Dak., as above stated. He erected a small frame house at first which is yet standing, and is still occupied as a part of his dwelling. At present his farm consists of 280 acres of very fine land, all lying along the bottom of the Sioux river. He has held many of the offices of the township, and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community.

Mr. Maynard was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Crane, in Minnesota, who has

borne him seven children, viz.: Rufus, Oranous, Elthina, Lillie, Chauncy, Otis and Champ. The latter was accidentally shot by a playmate when he was five years old, from the effects of which he died. Mr. Maynard is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Elk Point lodge, Master degree, and a Republican in politics.

**W**ILLIAM A. COLLAR, the second eldest child of Hon. B. W. Collar, whose biography will be found on another page of this Record, was born in Jones county, Iowa, June 20, 1860. His parents brought him to Clay county, Dak. Ter., when he was but a year old, and, therefore, practically his whole life has been spent in this county. He was bred to the life of a farmer on his father's estate, and received such education as was afforded in the common schools of the neighborhood during those pioneer days.

After his marriage, which occurred April 3, 1881, in Vermillion—Miss Lillie M. Robinson being the bride—he settled with his young wife in section 8 of Fairview township, where he lived for three years, and then removed to his present location in section 2. Mrs. Collar is a native of Vermillion, born October 5, 1863, and a daughter of Miner and Mary J. (McElhane) Robinson, who were early settlers of Clay county, having come hither in 1861 from Sioux City, Iowa. Miner Robinson died January 26, 1876, in Vermillion, the father of five children—two sons and three daughters, and of this family Mrs. Collar was the second child. Five children have come to bless the union of Mr. Collar and his estimable wife, on whom have been bestowed the following



names: Roy J., Grace C., May, Lyle, and Kenneth.

Our subject has taken quite an interest in local affairs and educational matters. He is now a school director, being chairman of the board, and he has also served three years as town supervisor. Politically he is a Populist of the stanchest type, and in religion is a Baptist. Both he and his wife are members of, and active workers in, the church of that denomination at Vermillion, and Mr. Collar is a trustee in same. He is also the treasurer of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company of Clay county.

**W**ILLIAM L. WALDO, an industrious, popular, and well-known citizen of Perry township, Lincoln county, where he is engaged in the pursuit of agriculture in section 21, is a native of Jefferson county, Wis., born in 1846. His parents, Alva H. and Lucy (Hibbard) Waldo, were natives of New York and Vermont, respectively, and both came to Wisconsin in its early history, where they were married. They raised a family of four children besides our subject, who was the second child. Angelina, the eldest, is the wife of Harvey Howard, of Lincoln county; then comes the subject of this sketch, and Nancy, the third eldest, followed by Frank E., of Lennox, and Hattie the wife of Almond Miller, of Janesville, Wis. The Waldo family were descended from early French settlers of this country.

William L. grew to manhood in the state of his nativity, and in 1872 was married to Mrs. James Hoard, a daughter of Stephen Palmer, who was an old settler of the state of Wisconsin. In 1878 he located with

his family on the farm of 160 acres, where he now resides and carries on a general farming business. The county was yet in its infancy when Mr. Waldo made his appearance in the territory. Like others, he had but little money, but he possessed a strong will and a fund of inexhaustible enterprise and energy, which are of necessity characteristics of the early pioneer, and he successfully met and conquered the hardships incident to the development of a new country. He is an honest and upright man, well-liked by all, square in his dealings with his fellow men, and has led a life which cannot be assailed nor justly criticised. Politically he is a Republican and actively supports the candidates of that party. Mrs. Waldo, an estimable Christian lady, is a leader in religious societies, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and an active worker in the cause of temperance as espoused by the W. C. T. U., of which she is a member. They are the parents of two sons, Lewis E., who is now attending the Parker college at Winnebago City, Minn., and Curtis, at home with his parents.

**H**ON. LOUIS GOTTHELF, M. D., who has the honor of being one of the prominent physicians and surgeons of Parker, where and in the vicinity of which, he has succeeded in building up an extensive practice, was born in the kingdom of Prussia, May 5, 1821. He enjoyed the privilege of a good education, which is the birthright of every child of the fatherland, and began the study of medicine at the age of sixteen, October 21, 1838. July 29, 1842, he graduated from the Royal College of Medicine at Berlin. He then en-

listed as a volunteer in the Prussian army, company 10, Fourteenth regiment, infantry, and served one year off and on until the revolution in 1848, when he fled to England. He landed at Hull and then went to Newcastle, where he remained several months, thence to Edinburg, Glasgow, back to York, London, and finally to Liverpool. He traveled in the British islands for about two years and when he arrived at Liverpool embarked on the *Germania*, as medical attendant of that vessel, and arrived at New York, April 21, 1850. The year of his arrival in America he went as far west as Columbus, Ohio, and there associated with Dr. G. A. Boerstler. The 24th of December, 1855, he located in Springfield, Mo., where he engaged in the practice of his profession until the latter part of May, 1861, when he enlisted in a local military organization known as the "Home Guards" under command of Col. Immheiser. He was mustered out at the expiration of ninety days and then located at Sedalia, Mo., until October, 1863, when he came to the state of Minnesota and settled at Waconia, Carver county. In 1872 he moved to Worthington of the same state and thence, in 1881, to St. Mary's, Miner Co., Dak. Ter., where he lived until 1889, the year of his removal to Parker, Turner county, where he has since resided and practiced his profession.

The Doctor was married the first time August 5, 1860, when Miss Theresa Phillips was the bride. This union was blest by the advent of three children—Mary, Max and Edward. After his first wife's death, he subsequently married Rosa Jackson, by whom he is the parent of one son—Louis V. He is a Democrat politically and while a resident of Minnesota was a member of the leg-

islature of that state from the twenty-first district, serving from 1866 to '68. He has held a commission as notary public for many years, and served as postmaster in every town in which he resided in America, with the exception of the time he lived in Ohio, serving in that capacity some twenty-seven years.

**H**ON. HANS GUNDERSON, prominent as a citizen of Norway township, Clay county, where he is engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, was born in Norway near Skien, September 30, 1832. He was reared in his native country until nineteen years of age, at which time his parents coming to the United States he accompanied them, and near Whitewater, Wis., the family settled on a farm.

Hans Gunderson remained a member of the parental household until he was twenty-six years of age, although he worked out at various occupations until that time, and then in Dane county, Wis., in 1858, he was united in marriage to Miss Isabella Johnson, who was also a native of Norway. He made his home part of the time with his father-in-law after marriage in Dane and Walworth counties, and then in the summer of 1860 in company with his brother-in-law, Lyman Burgess, he came to Dakota territory, driving ox-teams. He filed on a homestead in what is now Fairview township, improved his land and made that property his home for some twenty years, and then in the spring of 1880 removed to and settled on his present farm in Norway township. His estate now consists of 180 acres on which he has erected good build-





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ings and made such other improvements as befit the abode of an intelligent people.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunderson are the parents of seven children: Gustav, John A., Carl Horace, William, Clara and Esther M. Mr. Gunderson has been very active in all matters of a public nature and as a result of his great popularity and good executive ability he has been honored by election to the legislature five times, serving four terms in the lower house and one in the senate. In local affairs he has been a member of the town board, and has held various of the other township offices. Religiously he belongs to the Norwegian Lutheran church.

**H**ON. C. B. KENNEDY. As is the case in all cities, it may be said of the lawyers of Canton that their name is legion. It is nevertheless true that, while it may be difficult to point out the one who stands in the front rank in all respects, it is yet easy to determine who are prominent in legal circles. Among this comparative limited number is the gentleman above named, who has been in practice in this city over fifteen years, and has become well-known, not only as a gentleman well versed in law, but of fine education, mentally gifted and courteous, and who has been a potent factor in the political and legal life and welfare of Lincoln county.

The natal day of our subject was February 28, 1849, and his birthplace Liverpool, England. When he was three years of age his parents emigrated to America, and located in Delaware county, Iowa, and in that place young Kennedy grew to maturity. His early education was obtained in the old-fashioned log school houses during the cold

months, and in the summer he applied himself industriously to assisting his father in the labor of the farm. His parents were worthy people, but possessed only limited means, and therefore the advantages he received for education while at home were limited to the common schools; he, however, eagerly grasped every opportunity for advancement at his command, and as a result of a determined will, energy and commendable ambition, he had mastered by the time he was seventeen years old, all the elementary branches and also higher arithmetic and algebra. As above stated, Mr. Kennedy's parents possessed none too much of this world's goods and chattels, and with a family of ten children to support, were unable to contribute any special financial aid toward his securing a higher education. Our subject knew no such word as fail, however, and with his characteristic enterprise started in to acquire the means to pursue his studies. He was nineteen years of age at this time, and for the next two years taught school in the country, continuing to assist his father on the farm when his services were required. When he was twenty-one he had, by careful and sound financiering, saved money enough to enable him to take a course in the Colesburg High school, after completing which he again took up the profession of teaching. When he was twenty-two he became a student at Lennox college, Hopkinton, Iowa, which institution he attended several terms, and then entered the Iowa state university—September, 1872—where he took an academic course of study, being graduated eventually in September, 1878, from the law department with the degree of Bachelor of Law. He at once entered upon the

practice of his profession at Colesburg and rapidly forged to the front as one of the brightest and most promising young lawyers of the state. For three years he pursued his legal labors in Delaware county, Iowa, with flattering success, and in 1880 came to Canton, Dak. Ter., where he has since been located.

Generous and public-spirited, Mr. Kennedy has contributed largely to the interests and growth of Canton, and apart from his practice held the position of city attorney for several years. He has been prominently before the public as a gentleman of wide knowledge and intelligence, and while a man of his qualifications is naturally fitted for civic life, he has persistently declined to run for public office, though strongly urged by his constituents to do so. In 1893 he was nominated on the Populist ticket for judge of the supreme court of South Dakota. He was chairman of the Populist conventions held at Mitchell and Huron, and also chairman of the South Dakota delegation to the National Populist convention at St. Louis in 1896. Socially Mr. Kennedy is a member of Centennial lodge No. 10, I. O. O. F.

The hospitable and attractive home of Mr. Kennedy is presided over by a lady who bore the maiden name of Miss Blanche P. Waldo. She is a daughter of D. S. Waldo, and was born in Michigan, becoming the wife of our subject at Lennox, Dak. Ter., May 4, 1886. Mrs. Kennedy is a capable housekeeper, an affectionate and devoted mother and an excellent neighbor. The family of herself and husband consists of three children: Millard B., Verne C. and Benjamin R.

Mr. Kennedy was admitted to the bar of

the Supreme court of the territory in 1884, and he has since then enjoyed a large and lucrative practice in that court. Besides his business as attorney he is also largely interested in real estate. Mr. Kennedy still owns a claim of 160 acres in Lynn township, which he homesteaded in 1872.

A portrait of Mr. Kennedy accompanies this sketch.

**W**ILLIAM FLANNERY, deceased, formerly an old resident of Union county, Elk Point township, was born in county Limerick, Ireland, about 1815. Of his family nothing is known by his descendants. He came to America when yet in his minority alone, and in search of a brother who had emigrated to this country earlier. He landed at New York, and on inquiry ascertained that the brother of whom he was in quest had returned to the old country. He obtained employment in and around New York until he went to Canada as overseer of a public building in the province of Quebec, and was there married, about the year 1840, to Miss Mary McGee. After this event he started with his family for Indiana, settling on the Wabash river, and engaged in railroad building, after which he went to Michigan, where he was employed in the construction of the Michigan Central railroad. From Michigan he went to Illinois, where the family resided for a short time, and then to Dubuque, Iowa, going soon after to Delaware county, same state. December 9, 1865, saw him and his family in what now constitutes Union county, S. Dak. In all he entered 1420 acres of land for the family, all of which, except half a section,

was in Union county. Immediately he built the old settlers' first home—a log cabin with dirt roof—and took hold in true pioneer style to get started in this new country. He possessed nothing to speak of when he arrived here, but he was frugal and industrious and had an overwhelming stock of patience and self confidence. He put up with many inconveniences, saw good and hard times, and finally overcame the hardships and inconveniences incident to the settlement of a new country. In the work of putting his land under cultivation he was ably assisted by his eldest son, his wife and three daughters, all the latter of whom took men's places in the development of the property. In 1871 he left the farm and bought the Merchants Hotel property, Elk Point, which he opened and conducted with the assistance of his youngest sons—James, Daniel and Thomas. In this enterprise he prospered and continued till his death, which occurred June 9, 1892.

Mr. Flannery was a man of enterprise, a hard worker, frugal, and was universally known and greatly liked by his friends and acquaintances. He owned a large amount of property, but disposed of it all largely among his children, seeing them in good homes and having a good home for himself and wife before he died. He was a man about five feet eight inches in height, about 160 pounds weight, sandy complexion and grayish eyes.

Mrs. Flannery was born in the North of Ireland, was a woman of medium height, possessed of great ruggedness and strength, and a constitution which slowly succumbed to the ravages of time and labor. She died June 9, 1894, at the advanced age of seventy-seven years.

Mr. Flannery and wife were the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters. The sons are: John, farmer, Elk Point township, married Miss Irene Lybarger, six children—Elsie, Edward, Bertie, Flossie, Myrtle and Ralph; Daniel, farmer, Elk Point township, married Miss Marion Bumpford, two children—Viva and Artie; James, merchant, Elk Point, married Miss Tillie Donnelly, two sons—Johnny and Charley; Thomas, proprietor Merchants Hotel, Elk point, married Lulu Yeamans. The daughters are: Catherine, now Mrs. A. Chaussee; Mary, now Mrs. A. Perring; and Jane, now Mrs. James McGarnigle. All the daughters reside in Elk Point township.

**J**OSEPH STEFANI, who owns 160 acres in Union county and 520 acres in Clay county, has had an interesting and varied career in his fight for fortune. He was born under the sunny skies of Italy April 5, 1839, and is a son of Augustus and Christena Stefani, natives of that country, where his father lived and died and where his mother still resides aged eighty-two years. He spent his early boyhood in his native land where advantages for an education are decidedly limited for the youth of that country. In 1855 when he had reached the age of sixteen years, he emigrated to America alone in search of fortune. He embarked in a sailing vessel, was detained at Gibraltar and landed at New York three months after starting. He went directly to Pittsfield, Mass., where he stayed four months, then to Milford, Conn., where he stayed another four months. He followed peddling in both the aforesaid towns and when he returned to New York

from Milford, Conn., he followed that avocation for a year and a half at what was then known as Middleton Depot, N. Y. In 1857 he went to Ottawa, Ill., peddling there for a few months, and then pushed farther west via St. Louis, and landing in Nebraska where he took up 160 acres of land in what is now Dixon county. He erected a shanty on his land and stayed there until the war broke out, when, in the spring of 1861, he went to St. Louis in the vicinity of which place while the war was in progress he found employment on government boats, etc., being engaged there until the rebellion was over. After the war he returned to his claim in Nebraska and stayed on it till he came to Clay county, Dak. Ter., in 1872 settling in Fairview township. When he first arrived in Clay county he started a saw mill and kept a store in connection with it for three or four years, quitting the former business in 1886 when he went to farming in Fairview township, buying 200 acres, to which he has added and now owns the property mentioned in the first part of the biography. His land is well improved and largely under cultivation.

Mr. Stefani was married in 1868 to Miss Elizabeth Sutherland, and they are the parents of nine children, eight of whom are living, viz.: Christena, James, Katie, Lizzie, Julia, Mary, Verna and Francis. The deceased child was an infant. He as well as his wife are members of the Catholic church. He has always been a Republican in politics and still casts his lot with that party. Mr. Stefani's life illustrates what can be accomplished by an energetic man who has a defined purpose in life. He has passed by successive stages from a penniless alien to a state of affluence and plenty. His

ambition was to succeed and he has reached his goal. He has been honorable in all his dealings, no blot stains the escutcheon of his varied career, and no man in Clay county is held in higher esteem than he. He is thoroughly American in his views and is devoted to the best interests of his adopted and beloved country.

JOSEPH ODELL, deceased, formerly a gentleman closely identified with the development of Lincoln county, was a native of Canada, born near the New York state line. He passed his boyhood in Canada, and in maturer years learned the carpenter trade, which he followed after coming to Troy, N. Y. In the latter city he was married to Miss Esther Vandecar, a daughter of George Vandecar, who was of Holland-Dutch descent, and in 1856 Mr. and Mrs. Odell started west and located in Fond-du-lac county, Wis., where they resided until 1874, the year they made their first appearance in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. They filed on a quarter-section in Grant township, erecting a shanty for shelter and their first place of abode. Theirs was the first house on the section line of which they lived, west of Worthing, and west of their location no one had settled east of the Vermillion river. Their lot was naturally a hard one, but Mr. Odell, ably assisted by his good wife, who was indeed a help-meet in the truest sense of the term, labored incessantly, and lived on with that hope, which is of necessity a characteristic feature of the pioneer, and enjoyed the satisfaction of reaping the fruits of his toil and seeing the former apparently barren and uninviting prairie change into a well populated



and cultivated region. He passed away in 1891, mourned by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and left with his fellow men a life record, without blot or blemish. Mrs. Odell, his widow, who survives, still resides on the old homestead, hale, hearty and remarkably well-preserved, both mentally and physically, considering the hardships and burdens she bore in common with her husband in his battle through life. She is a devout member and regular attendant at the Methodist Episcopal church. Their family consisted of George W., Hattie E., the wife of H. H. Millard, of Missouri Valley, Iowa; Myron R., of Hudson, S. Dak.; Frank M., a resident of southern California; Nellie A., deceased, formerly the wife of J. J. Skinner, and Leon L., of Hudson, S. Dak.

George W. Odell, the eldest of the family, resides on the old homestead with his mother, and conducts the farm. He has served as justice of the peace and also township assessor, and politically affiliates with the Democratic party, for the candidates of which he has voted ever since he attained his majority. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being the present master of the lodge at Lennox.

**A**ORNELIUS STÖHR. Among the men who are gaining a good support by tilling the soil of Monroe township, Turner county, and incidentally laying aside something for a rainy day, there is no better representative than the gentleman whose name introduces this brief sketch.

Mr. Stohr was born in the kingdom of Prussia, Germany, March 31, 1846, and

passed his boyhood and youth in the place of his nativity. When he was fourteen years old he was apprenticed to a carpenter, and, after learning that trade, he continued to follow it as a means of livelihood until 1869, when he came to America. He landed after a long voyage at New York city, and then located in Grundy county, Iowa, where he followed the occupation of farmer, and also did a little work at his trade. There also he took a most important step in his career—his marriage to Miss Mattie Sweeter in 1875—and after this event he settled with his bride on a farm, and continued to devote his attention to agriculture in the Hawkeye state, until 1885, when he came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and purchased the farm on which he now resides. By industry, careful management and the exercise of sound judgment he has prospered, and as he gained in worldly goods he kept adding to his original possession of 160 acres until his farm is now composed of 400, on which he carries on a general farming and stock raising business. He is a self-made man, having landed in America \$100 in debt; but this he has paid off long ago, and has now gained a firm foot-hold on the road to wealth. His property is well improved, being adorned by various buildings conveniently arranged, and he is well known as a practical and skillful farmer, and one of the substantial citizens of the county.

Mr. Stohr and his estimable wife are the parents of nine children, five of whom are living, viz.: Freddie, Nannie, Annie, Thomas and George, all of whom are at home. The deceased children bore the names of Ufka, Kfaa, Thomas and Ufka. The family are members of the Presbyte-

rian church and regular attendants thereat; Mr. Stohr was at one time an elder in the same. Politically he is a staunch Republican and supports the doctrines of that party by voice and vote. He has also taken quite an interest in the cause of education, having been a director of the school board, and is now serving as treasurer of school district No. 9.

**T**HOMAS P. THOMPSON, chairman of the board of commissioners of Lincoln county, is one of the prominent and popular citizens of Canton, where he conducts a thriving hardware business. He was born in Farmington, Maine, August 3, 1856, his father being Warren F. Thompson, who died in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1867.

Our subject was reared in the city of his birth and the vicinity until he attained the age of eighteen years, being educated in the public schools of the district, and then accepted a position in Portland, Maine, as clerk in a wholesale drug house. In this capacity he acquired valuable knowledge, not only in the drug line, but also in the safe and successful conduct of a business generally, and after three years and a half of faithful service he resigned his position, having decided to come west and grow up with the country. In St. Paul, Minn., where he located, he was fortunate in securing employment in the same line of trade in which he was engaged in the east—that of wholesale drugs—and for over a year he retained the position. In 1879 he came to Canton and established the hardware business which he still conducts.

Mr. Thompson is a gentleman who has

taken an active interest in local public affairs ever since his residence in the county, and is a strong supporter of the principles of the Republican party. Being a man possessed of rare executive ability and in favor of good government, he easily won the esteem and respect of his fellow-townsmen, and by them has been honored with many public offices, among which may be cited that of city councilman and county commissioner; the latter position he has held for three years, and, as stated above, is the present chairman of that body. He is a representative citizen in all that the term implies, always alive to the interests of the community at large, and is distinctly “a man of and for the people.”

Mr. Thompson was fortunate in securing for his wife a lady of genuine worth of character and pleasing manners. She bore the maiden name of Leopoltina Schoenauer, and is a native of Austria. Her marriage with our subject occurred in Canton in 1883, and their household has been brightened by the advent of five children, namely: Warren F., Georgia, Bessie, Edith, and Charlotte.

**L**OUIS BEMELMAN, deceased. In the death of the late Louis Bemelman, of Monroe township, Turner county lost a worthy citizen and excellent farmer, as well as one of the early settlers of the county. The estate upon which he had been living for many years consists of 320 acres, and bears a full line of improvements, including every convenient arrangement in the way of buildings and the adornments with which persons of good taste surround them—

selves. The land was carefully and thoroughly tilled, made to produce abundantly, and in the quality of the crops raised compared favorably with others in the township.

Mr. Bemelman was born in southern Germany, September 27, 1835, and was reared in the fatherland until seventeen years of age, at which time he accompanied his parents to America, first locating with them in New Jersey and later in Kane county, Ill. In 1858 he located on a farm near Dundee, Ill., later removed to Cook county, in the same state, and in 1869 settled in the state of Minnesota, on a homestead of eighty acres. This property he improved and lived on for a period of ten years, adding in the meantime another eighty acres to his original possession, and in 1879 he sold out and started for Dakota territory. On arrival he pre-empted 160 acres, and also entered a timber claim, and on this land passed the remainder of his days. He was one of the first settlers of Monroe township, was well known and highly respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and his death, which occurred in 1888, was therefore a sad blow not only to the immediate friends of the family but to every citizen in the community. He belonged to the Evangelical church, was a class leader therein and one of the prominent members of the congregation. He died strong in the faith, and his remains were interred with due ceremony in the Parker cemetery. Politically he was a Republican.

Mrs. Bemelman, the widow of the gentleman whose name introduces this brief memoir, bore the maiden name of Miss Caroline Knack, and is a native of Prussia, Germany, born June 25, 1838. When nineteen years of age she accompanied her parents, John

and Mary Knack, to America, and settled with them in Kane county, Ill., where she was living when her marriage to Mr. Bemelman occurred, in 1858. This union was productive of four children, of whom we note the following: Minnie became the wife of Evert King, a farmer of Brainerd county, Minn.; H. J., whose sketch appears in another portion of this volume, lives in this county; William operates the home farm in his mother's interests, and Anna is also at home.

J & P. ALLEN, proprietors of Allen's agency, are the leading business men of Hurley, Turner county, and no citizens have taken a more active interest in her development or worked harder to secure it than they. To them more than anyone else is she indebted for her leading industries, as they are connected with and took a leading part in securing the subscriptions to the stock of the Hurley Building and Loan association, which was organized a few years ago with a capital of \$500,000; the Hurley Milling company, capitalized at \$8,000, and the Hurley Co-operative Creamery association, all of which enterprises are in successful operation and making money. The Messrs. Allen are also interested financially in the Bank of Hurley, a corporation with a capital of \$10,000, and as proprietors of Allen's agency are extensively engaged in the real estate business, making loans and collections, placing insurance, selling ocean steamer tickets, and doing surveying and a general notarial and conveyancing business.

Hon. Joseph Allen, the senior member of the firm, is a native of England, but has been a resident of the United States since

1854, when he left Old Albion's shores and settled in Grant county, Wis., and engaged in general farming. He came to Yankton in territorial days—1873—and in the employ of the government surveyed much of the Dakotas for four years, at the expiration of which time he opened a general store at Swan Lake. This establishment he conducted until the town of Hurley was located, and in 1883 moved his store and stock of goods to the latter place, opening the first general merchandise store in the village, at the corner of Center avenue and Washington street. Mr. Allen has since continued to make his home here, and, as stated above, has done much to improve and advance the general welfare of the community; public-spirited to a fault, he is always found supporting and in full sympathy with any feasible plans devised for the betterment of the town, and he is highly respected and deservedly esteemed by his fellow-citizens. Under territorial regime he served as judge of probate, and also as a justice of the peace for several terms, and in 1884 was elected to the territorial legislature. He has been a commissioner of Turner county, and under Presidents Hayes, Garfield and Arthur was postmaster at Swan Lake, in which capacity he also served at Hurley, when the town was located, being the first holder of that position there. Mr. Allen was also a member of the constitutional convention which framed the constitution of the present state of South Dakota.

Peter Allen, a son of Joseph Allen, and the junior partner of the firm, was born in Grant county, Wis., January 4, 1860. He accompanied his parents to Dakota territory in 1873, and in Yankton was reared and gleaned such education as he could from the

information imparted in the public schools which he attended. On attaining maturity he took charge of his father's store at Marion Junction and later the establishment at Swan Lake, and when the business was transferred to Hurley remained as its manager there until 1884, resigning his position with his father to go into partnership with a Mr. Mansfield, which connection was dissolved two years later. Mr. Allen, like his father, has been a potent factor in the growth and upbuilding of Hurley and the surrounding territory, and he is one of the county's rising and successful young business men. Politically he is a sound money Republican and has been closely identified with local matters of interest. At Marion Junction he was postmaster, and since coming to Hurley to reside has served as town clerk for five years, and is now chairman of the Hurley school board. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F., all the chairs of which he has been through, and also holds membership in the M. W. of A.

A marriage ceremony performed October 19, 1881, united the destinies of Mr. Peter Allen and Miss Millie Carr, a native of England but reared in Utica, N. Y., and to this congenial and happy union have been born four bright and interesting children, on whom have been bestowed the following names, viz.: Albert J., Leroy C., Harry W. and Percy B. The family belong to the Episcopal church.

Allen's agency was established in 1887 and has for its object the building up commercially, agriculturally and otherwise of Hurley and the adjacent country. As a firm it is identified financially with the Hurley Milling company, capacity fifty barrels per day; the Hurley Co-operative Creamery

association, which has in its plant a separator of the latest improved pattern, and the Hurley Building & Loan association, which was incorporated July 8, 1889, with an authorized capital of \$500,000, divided into shares of \$200 each. The incorporators of this concern were O. O. Snyder, Joseph Allen, C. J. Bach, J. W. Kellar, W. C. Brown, Emiel Brauch, William Elliott, J. A. Scott, C. M. Pier and Peter Allen. Messrs. Allen are also connected with the bank of Hurley, which was organized in October, 1892, to conduct a general banking business, and Mr. Peter Allen has been identified with it in the capacity of cashier since its establishment. The present officers who have also served continuously since its organization in their several capacities are: C. J. Bach, president; Emiel Brauch, vice-president; Peter Allen, cashier, and R. W. Pratt, assistant cashier.

**H**ON. HANS MYRON. Foremost among the prominent agriculturists of Clay county is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He was born in Norway, February 2, 1849, and when he was about three and a half years old his parents emigrated to the United States and settled in Dane county, Wis. There they remained until 1859, in October of which year they removed to and settled on a claim in Norway township, Clay Co., Dak. Ter., which the father of our subject, Sivert H. Myron, had entered in July previous.

Hans Myron was reared to manhood on his father's farm in Norway township and received his early education at home. He later became a student in the Norwegian

Lutheran college at Decorah, Iowa, but only remained there about two years when he was compelled to give up his studies on account of his eyes. He taught school several terms and then in 1873, having returned again to his home in Clay county, he purchased the old homestead of his father on which he has since erected some fine buildings and made many other valuable improvements. His present estate consists of 360 acres, all lying in Norway township.

The subject of this brief life history has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Carrie Olson, a daughter of Elling Olson, to whom he was wedded November 3, 1874, and this union was blessed by one son, Sigvard C. Eighteen short months after their marriage Mrs. Myron was taken ill with diphtheria and died. Mr. Myron subsequently married his present wife in Norway township, May 10, 1878. She was formerly Miss Anna Bottolfson, a daughter of the late Judge Bottolfson, probate judge of Clay county for several years, who died in Norway township, January 13, 1874. Mrs. Myron was born in Clay county, February 12, 1862, and by her marriage with our subject they have become the parents of nine children on whom have been bestowed the following names: Carrie O., Matilda B., Alfred O., Ella A., Elias F., Sarah I. Louise Irene, Bessie A. and George R.

Mr. Myron was for twenty years, up to the time of his resignation in 1893, postmaster at Lincoln, and he has served his fellow townsmen in various other official capacities. In the fall of 1876 he was elected to the legislature for one term, and in 1884 was re-elected to the same office. In all local and township affairs he has been

actively interested, and politically his sentiments are with the Republican party. He is also a strong temperance man, and religiously holds membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church, in the Sunday-day school of which he has been a teacher for many years and also superintendent.

**T**HOMAS FATE, one of Union county's first settlers, who has been a successful farmer, is now living a retired life in the town of Richland. He was born June 14, 1815, in Licking county, Ohio, and is a son of Martin and Jane (Watson) Fate, the former a Pennsylvanian by birth, of German descent, and the latter, a native of Maryland, whose parents came from Scotland, and made their home in that state. Licking county was on the frontier when Mr. Fate and his wife settled there, they being among the pioneers of that region, but after their family had grown to maturity and married they removed to Gratiot, Ohio, where their deaths occurred.

The boyhood of young Thomas was spent in his native state, where, in the subscription schools of the district, he acquired the rudiments of an education, learning to read, write and figure accurately up to the single rule of three. He remained with his parents till he attained his majority, and March 12, 1838, was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Hull, the daughter of a neighbor. He remained in Ohio with his young wife until 1857, when they moved to Minnesota, and settled in Fillmore county, where they were among the pioneers of that locality. He bought land there, and lived till 1862, when he took his family to Dakota

territory, settling on 160 acres, which he homesteaded in Brule township. After a short stay in Union county he removed to Boone county, Iowa, from which place, after a residence of ten years, he returned to South Dakota. To Mr. and Mrs. Fate have been born two sons, viz.: William H. H., born in 1840, and James Martin, born in 1842, both of whom are married, and reside in Union county, the former a farmer by occupation and the latter a mechanic. Originally Mr. Fate was a Whig, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, zealous, conscientious Christians, and devout in their belief. He has been connected with this denomination since he was seventeen years of age, and his wife since she was fourteen, his father having been a local preacher during his life. It is probable that Mr. Fate married the first couple ever united in wedlock in Union county, as he was one of the first justices of the peace elected, and served in that capacity for quite a time.

W. H. H. FATE, a prominent citizen of Brule township actively engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, first came to Union county in 1862 with his parents. He was twenty-two years of age at this time, his birth having occurred in Licking county, Ohio, July 5, 1840. The primary schools of his native state furnished the education he received till 1857, when his parents removed to Minnesota, he being sixteen years of age at that time. Mr. Fate was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted in company B, First Dakota cavalry, Lieut. John R. Woods commanding, the September following the settlement of the family in Union county. He served in this organization during the war, part of the



time as corporal, and participated in many of the skirmishes with the Indians. He was with Gen. Sully in the Falling Spring fight, and also in the battle of the Bad Lands, and during his term of service did scouting and carried orders. After the close of the war he settled in Union county, and has resided in that locality ever since. He was elected to the office of county commissioner in 1870 and served two terms, and in 1877 was elected county superintendent of schools, which capacity he has served in for five terms. He has also served as justice of the peace of Brule township numerous times. Politically, he affiliated with the Republican party formerly, but of late has been independent in politics. He is also a member of Stephen A. Hulburt post No. 9, G. A. R., at Elk Point.

Mr. Fate married his first wife in 1868, Miss Mary A. Coykendall becoming his bride, and they were the parents of two children—James E. and Nellie S. His second wife was Miss Laura A. Baker, and she has borne him a family of seven children, viz.: Addie M., Almina H., Alice E., Thomas L., Mary, W. H. H. Jr., and Robert.

Mr. Fate is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**D** C. ALLEN, a farmer who resides on section 9, of Grant township, is a Canadian by birth, and was born in Montreal in 1822. He learned, during his maturer years the trade of carpenter, and remained in his native city until he attained his majority. In 1843 he located in Vermont, thence went south to Augusta, Ga., and Nashville, Tenn.,

working the while at his trade. In 1844 he was married to Miss Margaret Torney near Montreal, and he and his wife remained in Canada after this event for several years, later on locating in Merrimack, Wis., where they resided eight years more. From Merrimack they went to Dane county of the same state and thence to Lodi, remaining in the latter town until 1881, when they came to Dakota. Mr. Allen worked continuously at his trade up to the time he located in Dakota, when he entered the quarter section which is still his home. All the improvements thereon he has made, and he now has a fine piece of property. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are Episcopalians in religious belief, and he has voted the Republican ticket all his life. Their family consists of nine children as follows: Mary J., the wife of H. Simons; Sarah, deceased, formerly the wife of P. Kent by whom she had one daughter, Cora, who survives her; Thomas, a resident of Lodi, Wis.; Eliza, who married George Woodley, of Canton, S. Dak.; Emily, the wife of Joseph Cobden, of Lodi, Wis.; Maggie, who married Thomas Martin, of Canton, S. Dak.; William, of Oshkosh, Wis.; Frank, of Alma, Iowa; and Fred, of Canton, S. Dak. The two latter sons accompanied their parents when they located in Dakota territory, and assisted in the development of the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have spent more than fifty years of happy married life together, and while both necessarily show the ravages of age, still worry and strife have made no marks on their peaceful countenances, and it is to be hoped that they may yet be spared many more happy years of wedded life before passing to their reward beyond the grave.

Mr. Allen's father, John Allen, was a

native of Glasgow, Scotland, as was also his wife, Mary Allen. They were married in Glasgow and came to America with their two children from the "land of heather." A full record of the family is as follows: James, John, D. C., the subject of this sketch, Eliza and Matilda; the latter married Ross Beebe, and is now a resident of Whitehall, N. Y. Mrs. Allen was a daughter of Richard and Jane Torney, natives of county Down, Ireland, where they were married. Mrs. Allen was born there, but her parents when she was yet but a young child emigrated to America and located with their family in Canada. They later removed to Osage, Ia., where their deaths occurred.

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**N**ICHOLAS BROWN, a successful and thriving agriculturist, located on section 30, Parker township, Turner county, was born near Montreal, Canada, April 7, 1848. He is a son of Patrick and Anastisia (Morrissy) Brown, the former a native of Ireland, who came to Canada when a young man and settled near Montreal. He followed a seafaring life while a boy, but later in life engaged in farming as an occupation. He died at the age of seventy-six years. Mrs. Brown was also a native of the Emerald Isle, and came to Canada with her parents when a child. She is still spared to this world and resides in Worcester, Mass. They were the parents of nine children, four of whom are now living.

Nicholas was the third child, and was reared in his native place until about eighteen years of age, when he concluded to start out for himself to work by the month. He first

located in New York state, from where he went to Vermont, and thence to Massachusetts. He was married June 23, 1875, to Bridget Moore, a native of New York, and in 1877 Mr. and Mrs. Brown came west to Allamakee county, Iowa, where he was employed on the railroad for a year. His next location was at Algona, Iowa, where he was engaged in the same occupation, and from there he came to Turner county, Dak., on business for the railroad company. That was in 1879, and he remained there five years, three of which were spent in the town of Parker. He located on the farm where he now resides in 1882, pre-empting 160 acres, which he has improved by building fences, setting out trees, etc. He worked for others while breaking up his own farm and getting it under cultivation. He now owns 200 acres, 160 being the home place and forty acres on a school section. Mr. Brown votes on local matters for the best man regardless of party affiliations. On national issues, however, he has voted the Democratic ticket, but at present is inclined toward Republican principles. He was a member of the board of supervisors for two years and he and his family are all attendants at the Catholic church.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been blessed with seven children, viz.: Mamie A., Sadie E., Frederick N., Agnes C., Cora E., Annette B. and Maud J.

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**J**OSEPH WEILAND. This gentleman has been connected with the agricultural life of Monroe township, Turner county, since 1878, and his name is well-known to most of the citizens



as that of a worthy representative of the better class of Germans.

Mr. Weiland first opened his eyes to the light in West Prussia, June 15, 1852, and he was reared in his native place and educated there until nineteen years of age. His spirit of enterprise and progress revolted at the idea of spending his entire life in a country so oppressed by military despotism as the German empire, where he dared not hope to attain the position in life afforded the citizens of free America, and he accordingly ran away and embarked at the first opportunity for the new world. On arrival he went direct to Dane county, Wis., where he was employed at farm labor, working by the month, and in 1878 started for Dakota territory. After looking around he decided on entering the claim which now comprises his farm, and on this he built a little house in which to live while he was improving his land. Mr. Weiland has in the pursuit of a legitimate business acquired a good property and deserves no little credit for his success. His estate consists of 275 acres, and a glance at his home shows a good dwelling surrounded by all the necessary barns and outbuildings, together with well-tilled fields. He does a general farming business.

Mr. Weiland was first married two years after settling on his claim in Turner county, to Miss Anna Smith, the ceremony occurring in 1881. Mrs. Weiland died a year and two months later and our subject subsequently married the lady who is now at the head of his household affairs. She was formerly Miss Maggie Aschenbrucker, a native of Baltimore, Md., who came when young to Wisconsin, where she was reared. Mr. and Mrs. Weiland are the parents of

seven children, of whom five are living, viz.: Anna, Bertha, Katie, Edwin and Joseph. The dead are Edith and Eva. The family are devout Catholics, and members of the church at Marion Junction.

Politically Mr. Weiland is a Democrat, that is on national issues, but for local offices he votes for the best man regardless of his views, believing that the party should be sacrificed for the man. He is one of the early settlers of the county, and as such and as a practical farmer and good citizen, he is highly esteemed and respected.

JAMES OLSON, one of the earliest settlers in Union county, and a substantial and enterprising citizen, was born in Norway, April 12, 1842. He is a son of Ole and Christena (Johnson) Olson, both natives of Norway, in which country the father died. The mother subsequently came to this country to live with her son, who is the subject of this sketch.

In Norway James was reared on a farm, receiving his education in the common schools of that land. When he was twenty years of age he left his mother country and came to America, the voyage to America across the Atlantic being made in a ship which landed him at Quebec. His objective point on leaving Quebec was Dakota, but he went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, first by train, and from there the journey to his future home was continued by ox teams. He arrived in Union county about the middle of June, pitching his camp on the present site of Richland village, Brule township. October 1st following he enlisted in company B, First Dakota cavalry, Lieut. Wood's company, Capt. Tripp command-

ing, who is a half-brother of Judge Tripp. He took part in all the engagements of his company, and was detailed as one of twenty-five from his company to form an escort of eighty soldiers to conduct a government contractor's train of supplies to Helena, Mont. At Tongue river they were cooped up by the Indians and stood on the defensive for fourteen days, until re-enforcements reached them from Fort Laramie, Wyo. The Indians then withdrew and the expedition proceeded. Subsequently his squad returned to Fort Laramie, Wyo., and he rejoined his regiment at Sioux City, Iowa, where he was mustered out of service and received an honorable discharge in October, 1865. In the fall of that year he went to visit relatives in Wisconsin, and May 17, 1866, was married to Miss Martha Johnson. Shortly after this event he came again to Union county, Dak. Ter., and entered 163½ acres of land, the property on which he now resides. Upon this land he built a small log cabin, his first permanent home in this county. It still stands in his yard, a reminder of pioneer days. He has improved his property, now has a good house, barn, etc., and over 100 acres of his land under cultivation. He has since bought forty acres, making 203½ acres in all.

Mr. Olson is one of the leading and prominent Scandinavian citizens of South Dakota. He is in as hearty sympathy with the institutions of his adopted country now as he was when his patriotic spirit prompted him to go to the defense of his new country's flag and honor in that hour of need. He has been treasurer of the school district, and he, his wife and family are all members of the Lutheran church, in which he has been deacon for eight years, and also held

other offices. He is also a member of Stephen A. Hulburt post No. 9, G. A. R., at Elk Point. Politically he was formerly a Republican, but now casts his votes for the Populist party.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson have been blessed with a family of twelve children, eleven of whom are living, viz.: O. J., Lettie K., Taylor W., John M., Emma J., Betsy, Annie J., Mary, Minnie, Henry, and Milga; and Willie, deceased.

**H**ON. JOHN Q. FITZGERALD. A prominent position among the citizens of Canton is that held by the gentleman whose name introduces these paragraphs. His standing in the community is important in several respects, including as it does his reputation as a private citizen, as well as a public servant.

Mr. Fitzgerald was born in what is now Wyandotte county, Ohio, formerly Marion county, his natal day being June 22, 1829. In his native county and the town of Burlington, Ohio, he passed his boyhood days until fifteen years of age, and then he accompanied his father to Green county, Wis., which was his home for the next twelve years, although in the meantime he visited the Pacific slope and was absent there for several months. His early life had been spent on a farm, and while a resident of Wisconsin he also followed that calling until he went to Freeborn county, Minn., to engage in the hotel business at Albert Lea. After one year spent as proprietor of a hotel there he again engaged in farming in the same county, making his home in the state of Minnesota, in all about ten years. August, 1867, sees the subject of this sketch

arriving in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and as this was the date of his settlement in the county, he is therefore one of its early pioneers and probably the oldest settler now living in Canton. He has been engaged at various times in agricultural pursuits, the real-estate business and in the practice of law for fifteen years, and is at present doing a thriving business in the buying and selling of land.

As before intimated, Mr. Fitzgerald has been very prominent in public life in Lincoln county. He was the first judge of probate, being appointed by the legislature, and served one term, after which he was elected to that office. As treasurer of the county for two years he discharged the duties imposed with marked executive ability and to the entire satisfaction of the people. For four years he has been a justice of the peace, and a member of the school board twelve years. He was serving in the capacity of county judge when the town of Canton was located and platted, and ever since has been known as a man closely identified with the development of the city as well as the county at large. The many important positions he has held in his continued service for the public is the best evidence that can be given that his neighbors regard him as a man of the strictest honesty, sound judgment and executive ability. And not only in worldly affairs does Mr. Fitzgerald take an active interest, but in religious matters and temperance he is also a zealous worker, taking a decided stand in his attitude toward and his efforts in suppressing the evil of intemperance. As a church member he belongs to the Presbyterian denomination, and has been affiliated with that sect for a long time; his hotel in Albert Lea, Minn., was

familiarly known among the clergy as the Ministers Hotel.

Our subject was fortunate in his choice of a companion, gaining for his wife Miss Maggie S. Martin, a daughter of Isaac and Nancy Martin, and a sister of Isaac N. Martin, who is one of Canton's old settlers. Her father and mother had a family of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, and Mrs. Fitzgerald was the sixth in order of their birth. She was born in Ashland county, Ohio, October 12, 1832, where she passed from childhood to more mature years, being eighteen years old when she accompanied her parents to Green county, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald's marriage occurred June 26, 1851, and their wedded life has been blessed with four children, two of whom only are living, viz.: Emma J., the wife of John W. Hewitt, of Canton, and Elva A., who married J. H. Gale, of Rapid City, S. Dak. Nancy V. and Fred A. died in infancy.

EDWIN ROGERS. When a good man dies the entire community suffers a loss, although he may leave an influence that widens as the years roll by, through the better lives of those who were directly benefited by him. So when the late Edwin Rogers was called from time to eternity, many felt a personal sense of loss due to a knowledge of his unassuming piety, good citizenship, and habits of industry and prudence. An old settler of Turner county, he had become known to a large circle, and had pursued a career that had won an abundant reward in a financial sense.

Our subject was born in England, a son

of Samuel and Mary Rogers, and first saw the light of day June 17, 1824. He was the youngest of a family of eight children, and was reared mostly on a farm in the old country, attending the common schools for an education. When he was nineteen years of age he accompanied his parents to America, and settled with them in Jo Daviess county, Ill., on a farm, where he remained until he was married. The following five years he devoted to his chosen work as an agriculturist, and then in 1852 he started across the plains with an ox team to California. There he engaged in mining and remained several years, returning by water via Cape Horn and New Orleans to his home in Illinois. In 1879 he came with his family to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and entered a homestead of 160 acres in Monroe township. This property he improved and lived on until 1887, when he removed to Parker.

Mr. Rogers' war record dates from 1862, when he became a member of company A, Ninety-sixth Illinois regiment, infantry, until 1865, when he was honorably discharged at Chicago and sent home. During his period of service in upholding the stars and stripes, he participated in the battles of Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain, and many other hard fought engagements in which his regiment took part.

The lady whom Mr. Rogers won for his wife bore the maiden name of Miss Nancy Wilcox. Their marriage occurred in Galena, Ill., June 17, 1847. Mrs. Rogers was also born in England, and came to America when about ten years old with her parents, Isaac and Mary Wilcox, settling in Jo Daviess county, Ill. There Mr. Wilcox and his wife both passed to the world beyond, the

former aged sixty-one years and the latter seventy-three years. Five children were born to this worthy couple, Mrs. Rogers being the youngest and only daughter.

Four children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers: William J., of Lyons, Ia.; Lizzie, the wife of W. H. Cox, of Colorado; Nancy J., the wife of Cyrus Riggs, of Galva, Ia., and John, who is at home with his mother. The mother has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the deceased father was likewise a member of the same denomination. The consolations of religion cheered the dying hours of Mr. Rogers and comforted the widow in her bereavement. The date of the demise of Mr. Rogers was March 24, 1889. His death was mourned not only by the immediate friends of the family but by a wide circle of acquaintances who had known and respected him in life, and this brief memoir will be welcomed by his many friends as a valuable addition to this volume. Socially he held membership in the Grand Army of the Republic and took active interest in its welfare.

**A** A. ROWEN. The subject of this sketch is a well known and highly respected farmer residing on section 29 of Parker township, Turner county. He was born in Janesville, Bremer Co., Iowa, November 19, 1855, and is a son of Matthew and Lucy (Ames) Rowen. The former was a native of Ogdensburgh, N. Y., where he was reared. After his marriage he settled at Buffalo, N. Y., and later came to White Pigeon, Mich., where he located on a farm. In 1852 he removed with his family to Bremer county,





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Iowa, where he took up government land, at one time owning 640 acres. He participated in the Blackhawk Indian war and was judge of Bremer county at one time. While a resident of Michigan he held the position of government surveyor and during his whole life took an active interest in all public matters and was one of the prominent men of his day. He died in Iowa at the age of seventy-one years. His father, William Rowen, was a native of Ireland and emigrated to this country when but fifteen years old, locating in New Jersey and later in New York. He took part in the war of 1812 and was with Commodore Perry on Lake Erie. He lived to be ninety-four years of age. The mother of our subject was a native of Canterbury, N. H., and was descended from old Puritan stock. She died May, 1896, at Cedar Falls, Iowa, aged seventy-nine years. They were the parents of nine children, six sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to maturity except one son who died when but seven years old.

A. A. Rowen was the seventh child. He was reared in and attended the common schools of his native county, finishing his education with a course at the Janesville academy. He assisted on the farm until he was twenty-three years of age and then went to Leadville, Colo., and engaged in mining and prospecting. He remained there about a year and a half when he returned to Iowa and was married September 14, 1880, to Miss Mary Coddington, a native of Janesville, Iowa. He went back to Colorado again and in the spring of 1882 came with his wife to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and took up the farm where he now resides. He improved his property by building a house, barns, fences and setting out trees

and now has 160 acres all under cultivation. In connection with his farm interests he is also engaged in bridge contracting and built the first iron bridges in Turner county. He has taught school during the winter months ever since 1874, with the exception of about three terms. In politics he is a staunch Republican and belongs to the Parker lodge, A. O. U. W.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowen are the parents of four children, viz.: Howard, who was born in Colorado; Helen and Grace, twins, and Frank; the latter three were all born in South Dakota. The family are members of the Baptist church at Parker, of which Mr. Rowen is a trustee and superintendent of the Sunday-school, and have always taken an active interest in the church work.

**C**ORNELIUS VICKERY ANDREWS, a retired farmer who has amassed a competence and is now passing the evening of his life in the enjoyment of the fruit of his labor in Vermillion, was born in Centerville, Allegany Co., N. Y., June 17, 1832, of Scotch and English descent. His parents, Samuel and Roxanna (Butterfield) Andrews, removed from the Empire state to Iowa in 1856, and settled in Mitchell county, and there they both passed to the world beyond.

Of the family of four children born to this worthy couple our subject was the eldest. He was reared in his native county in New York and remained there until 1856, at which time he came west to Mitchell county, Iowa. In 1858 he located in Dixon county, Neb., but only stayed there a year, however, as in 1859 he came to Dakota territory and located upon a claim in

what is now Fairview township, Clay county. This property he improved and lived on with the exception of the years he spent as a soldier in the Civil war, until 1865 when he disposed of the land and purchased a farm just north of the town of Burbank, making this latter his home until he retired to Vermillion, which was about 1887. His present landed possessions aggregate some 1,700 acres, located in various parts of Union and Clay counties, but this property he rents out as he is no longer actively engaged in business.

Mr. Andrews was united in marriage in Clay county, March 12, 1876, to Miss Martha A. Taylor, a daughter of L. B. Taylor who was a resident of Vermillion township until 1885. He was born in North Carolina and married Miss Elizabeth Eaton also a native of that state. Of the family of three sons and two daughters born to them Mrs. Andrews was the second in order of birth and first opened her eyes to the light in North Carolina. A part of her early life was spent in Iowa, whither she accompanied her parents, but since 1865 she has been a resident of Dakota. Mr. Andrews and his wife have a cozy home and the family circle is completed by three children, Elva C., Clara Roxsena and Elizabeth. One son, Lafayette, died when five years and three months of age.

Mr. Andrews devoted most of his time to agricultural pursuits prior to retiring to Vermillion, but though he also found time to take active interest in local affairs, he was never a seeker after office. Socially he belongs to the K. of P. and in religious matters he is also a worker, he and his wife holding membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Andrews' grandfather Butterfield was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, his father participated in the war of 1812-15, and our subject himself gave four years of his early manhood to the defense of our national honor. He served with Gen. Sully against the Indians, and his enlistment dates from 1861, the beginning of the Civil war, when he was enrolled a member of company A, First Dakota cavalry, to 1865. He enlisted as a private and served faithfully as such until mustered out.

In connection with this brief life history we beg to call the reader's attention to a portrait of Mr. Andrews appearing elsewhere in this volume.

**C**HARLES H. VOGES. This gentleman may well be named among the oldest settlers of Lincoln county. He located in what is now known as Canton township in 1870, with his wife, and has been a constant resident of the county ever since. He relates many interesting incidents connected with the early colonization of Dakota territory, and knows only too well the severity of a Dakota blizzard; at times he has remained at neighbors' houses for three and four days, having been caught in one of the snowstorms, and thus being unable to get home.

Mr. Voges' parents, Frederick and Caroline (Fisher) Voges, were both natives of Germany, where also our subject was born and resided until twelve years of age. On the voyage to America Mrs. Voges passed from time to eternity, and the father, on arrival in this country, located at Madison, Dane Co., Wis. Frederick Voges was a baker by trade in the fatherland, but fol-



lowed the occupation of farming after arriving in America, at which vocation he was eminently successful. He and his wife had two children—the subject of this biography, who was the eldest, and a daughter, Augusta, who became the wife of Herman Nolte, of Franklin county, Iowa. Charles H. grew to manhood in Wisconsin, learning, during his maturer years, the trade of carriage painting, which he intended to follow as a means of livelihood. In 1864 he enlisted in the engineering corps of the army of the Cumberland, and served until 1865, and after an absence of about a year returned to Wisconsin. Upon his return he led to the altar Miss Susan Byers, a daughter of George Byers, of Dane county, Wis., and five years later he and his wife came to Dakota territory, as stated above. On the section of land in Canton township they remained four years, and then, in 1874, relinquished their right to the claim and located on the farm on which they now make their home. From an absolutely wild piece of land Mr. Voges has, by close application to its improvement, supplemented by untiring labor, produced a fine farming property, well tilled, and consisting of 240 acres, all under cultivation. Politically, he favors the Republican party, whose doctrines have been his belief ever since his first vote, and he also belongs to the A. F. and A. M., master degree, of the chapter of that order at Lennox, as well as at Canton. Mr. and Mrs. Voges have been blessed in their union by the advent of the following children, viz.: Charles W., married and a resident of Worthing; George H., a farmer of Lynn township; Frank H., Carolina and Annie M., the latter three being at home.

The subject of this sketch takes a prom-

inent part in the advancement of the welfare of the community, and he and his esteemed wife are members of the Old Settlers' society of Lincoln county. Since the organization of this society both have been closely identified with and have taken an active interest in its success, as a means of keeping the ever-diminishing number of early pioneers of the county in closer touch with their fellow-settlers, and the society is now in a flourishing condition.

**T**ABOR I. WAY is successfully engaged as a grain grower and stock raiser, and his farm in Dolton township, Turner county, is classed among the most desirable pieces of property in this part of the county. His father, James Way, was born in Vermont of French descent, and was a sailor on the great lakes in his younger days. Eliza Walker, the mother of our subject, was also a native of the Green Mountain state, where also her father, David Walker, was born and reared. His antecedents were Scotch. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Way settled on a farm in Vermont until 1850, when they removed to New York, and in 1863 they settled in Winneshie county, Iowa, where they both passed from time to eternity. Mr. Way at the age of eighty-seven and his good wife in her seventy-sixth year. They were the parents of seven children, all of whom grew to man and womanhood with the exception of one son.

Tabor I. Way was born in Grand Isle county, Vt., May 7, 1842, and is the youngest of the family now living. In his eighth year his parents removed to the Empire state, and there he was living when the

great Civil war broke out. In 1864 he enlisted in company B, Sixth New York regiment heavy artillery, and served until the close of hostilities, being honorably discharged in Albany, N. Y., in 1865. In 1869 he went west to Winneshiek county, Iowa, and located at Calmar, where he was employed by the C., M. & St. P. railroad for the following nine years. At the expiration of that time he came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., locating first at what is now Hurley, where he bought a claim and lived two years. In 1880 he purchased the place where he now resides and has since lived, which consists of 160 broad and fertile acres, that under his careful management have been brought to a high state of cultivation. He is engaged in general farming.

The marriage of Mr. Way and Miss Mary Henderson, a native of New York and a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Bracey) Henderson, occurred July 3, 1862, and their marriage has been blessed to them by the advent of nine living children, viz: Charles D., of Sioux Falls, S. D.; Robert J., county clerk, whose biography will be found on another page of this record; Amy L., the wife of Frank Bialucha, of this township; Frederick E., at home; Wilbur W., a teacher in the Business college of Grand Island, Neb.; Henry H., Thomas S., Asa A., and Ettie B. The latter four are all at home. The deceased members of the family are Annie and Ralph. The family are all members of the Methodist church, and Mr. Way politically is a staunch Republican. He is now chairman of the school board of district No. 11, which position he has held for a period of six years. He was a charter member of the Masonic lodge at Calmar, Iowa, and still retains his connection therewith.

**J**OSEPH W. VANDAVEER, a leading farmer of Elk Point township, is a native of Posey county, Ind., and was born December 23, 1834. He is a son of James and Esther (Price) Vandaveer, the former born in Kentucky in 1802, and the latter in South Carolina about 1803. The parents of James were Charles and Hannah (Jones) Vandaveer, the former being a son of Charles, senior, who was born in Holland, and came to America before the Revolutionary war, settling in the Virginia territory, which now comprises the state of Kentucky, near Bowling Green. The Jones family are of Welsh origin, William Jones, father of Hannah, being a resident of Kentucky and later of Indiana. Esther Price, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of Joseph Price, a native American, of French and Spanish descent. He was a South Carolinian and fought in the Revolutionary war, participating in the battles of Lexington and Yorktown and serving through the entire seven years of war. From South Carolina he went to North Carolina, thence to Kentucky and from there to Posey county, Ind., where he died at the age of eighty-five years. James Vandaveer settled in Posey county, Ind., in 1814, and subsequently went to Wayne county, Ill., March 1, 1837, where he died in 1890, aged eighty-eight years. Mrs. Vandaveer died in 1847, at the age of forty-four years. They were the parents of ten children, viz.: Thompson, Elizabeth J., Nancy J., Esther J., Sarah J., James L., Joseph W., Charles H. and Ira W.

Joseph W. Vandaveer was three years old when his parents settled in Wayne county, Ill. There he acquired what education the country afforded, the combined

period of his study covering not more than thirty-six months. When he attained his majority he began life for himself, and at the age of twenty-five he left for Colorado making an overland trip by team. He was six weeks en route to Pike's Peak, and there he followed mining with some success, remaining in that locality till 1862 when he went to western Montana in the Deer Lodge country. He followed prospecting and mining there but with indifferent success as the Indians were hostile. The party he was with were engaged in three battles with the redskins. In an engagement near Fort Hull his company lost nine men killed and several wounded—some mortally. In September of that year he and ten others started east via Fort Benton on the Upper Missouri river. After reaching this place he left on a boat with twenty more men down the Missouri river. On this trip the party had a battle with the Indians which lasted nearly all day. It was found that the boat had received thirty-one bullets in its side and more than a pint of spent balls were picked up inside the vessel. They reached Sioux City in safety and from there he came to Union county, Dak. Ter., homesteading 160 acres, eighty acres of which original tract he still owns. In the fall of 1862 after the war broke out he responded to the call of his country and enlisted in company B, First battalion Dakota cavalry. He served till the war was over on the frontier and participated in several engagements with the Indians. After receiving his discharge in the fall of 1865 he returned to Elk Point and in 1868 he settled on the homestead where he now lives.

Mr. Vandaveer is typical of the class of men so commonly found on the frontier of

our country. Nature made him for an advance guard to blaze the way and to become the protector of those who followed. Courageous and of unyielding resolution, he never knew what it was to falter when the stern command of duty rang out. He possesses a remarkable memory for faces, dates and occurrences, is an interesting conversationalist, intelligent and well posted on current topics. He has been elected to the office of justice of the peace twice, and served two terms.

Mr. Vandaveer was married January 1, 1870, to Miss Harriet Quick, and to them have been born one child, Esther, by name, now Mrs. William Lane, of Union county. He is a member of the Stephen A. Hulburt post No. 9, G. A. R., at Elk Point, and politically was raised a Republican and has lived one. He enjoys a small pension of \$12 per month. Mrs. Vandaveer is a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a willing worker in the cause of Christianity.

ATHIAS DUERST. This gentleman is one of the substantial and well-to-do farmers of Pleasant township, Lincoln county, and is deserving of great credit for the manner in which he has spent his mature years, working so industriously and honestly that he has secured quite a fortune. He is of Swiss birth and parentage, and inherits those sterling traits which characterize his countrymen the world over.

The gentleman to whom these lines refer first opened his eyes to the light November 27, 1833, and in picturesque Switzerland grew to manhood, receiving a good

common-school education. He was raised a farmer, his father having been engaged in that occupation, and when he had attained his majority he struck out for himself and emigrated to the new world in 1854. His first location in the land of the free was in Green county, Wis., where he learned the trade of tinsmith and later settled on a farm. During his residence in the Badger state the Civil war broke out, and Mr. Duerst was one of the first to enlist in the defense of the national life. He was mustered into company K, Ninth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, as a private, was promoted to corporal, and ordered first to Milwaukee and thence to Leavenworth, Kans., where the regiment joined Col. Solomon's command and operated in Missouri. Our subject served until the close of hostilities in various parts of Missouri and Arkansas with his company, having re-enlisted at Little Rock, Ark., after his first term expired, and was mustered out and discharged in August, 1865, as sergeant, having been promoted to that rank for meritorious service.

After the war Mr. Duerst returned to Wisconsin from where he later on removed to and settled in Wright county, Iowa, on a rented farm. This he operated for three years, and then, in 1875, came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and located on his present estate. He has been a hardworking, industrious man and has 210 acres of his farm, of 320, under good cultivation. He first constructed a sod shanty, in which to house himself and family, and made this primitive place of abode his home for four or five years, when he built his present residence. All that he now has is the result of his own industry; he possessed very little means when he arrived in the territory, but

by that indomitable will, which has been a potent factor in his prosperity, and an inexhaustible fund of energy, he has succeeded admirably. He has in his career seen some pretty hard times, and was unfortunate enough to lose the result of his labor several years in succession by grasshoppers, hail, etc. Those times have passed, however, and he is now considered one of the prominent and substantial citizens of the community. His farm, on which he has made many fine improvements, is easily one of the best tilled, most economically arranged, and methodically managed estates in the county, and on it is carried on a general agricultural business.

The lady who presided over the household affairs of our subject for over forty years, and who shared alike with her husband the hardships and privations through which he passed, became his wife in 1855. She bore the maiden name of Miss Rosina Kundert, and was a native of the same province in Switzerland from whence her husband came, she having come to America in 1853. Twelve children were born to this congenial couple, but seven only survive, viz.: Nicholas married Miss Sadie Griffith, lives in Wright county, Iowa, and has two children; Mary is the wife of Mathias Schmid, jr., and the mother of four children; Dora is the wife of Will Milligan, of Presho county, S. Dak., and has two children; Abe married Miss Cora Pierce, and lives with his wife and two children on the homestead; Ella is the wife of Sam Hammerly, and the mother of five children; Fannie is the wife of James Armour, of Yankton, S. Dak., and the mother of three children; and Henry. Of the deceased children, Mathias, Sarah and Rosa had grown

to maturity when their deaths occurred. All the children have had good common-school educations, and are among the best citizens in the various places where they make their homes. Mrs. Duerst passed to the world beyond in September, 1896. She was a true Christian and belonged to the Evangelical church. Mr. Duerst holds membership in the Lutheran.

Our subject is a Republican in politics of the straightest type. He has been a member of the school board, and has served as road overseer. Socially he belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and has also been a member of the I. O. O. F. His son Abe is now a member of the latter order at Beresford, also Nicholas, and the former has held office therein.

**H**ON. ISAAC MOORE, one of the well-to-do, intelligent and enterprising agriculturists of the southern part of Union county, who has a fine farm of 635 acres in section 4, Civil Bend township, was born April 26, 1836, and is a native of Hamilton county, Ohio. He is a son of Jonathan and Phylinia (Ames) Moore, the former born August 26, 1809, in Butler county, Ohio, and the latter a native of Washington county, Pa., born in 1801. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were married March 27, 1830, and were early settlers of Butler county, Ohio. In 1836 they moved to Parke county, Ind., and from there, in 1842, to Jackson county, Iowa. Mrs. Moore died in August, 1871, and Mr. Moore subsequently came to live with our subject, where he died September 16, 1890. Five children were born to them, viz.: Mary Ann, deceased; Lorinda, deceased;

Isaac; Mrs. Andrilisa Baker; and Martin A., deceased. Martin was a member of the Twelfth Iowa regiment, infantry, and served in the Civil war; he was poisoned by a piece of pie which he ate in St. Louis, where he died.

Isaac was reared principally in Iowa, where he attended school for about twelve months, which period covers the entire length of his time of schooling. He stayed with his parents on the farm until he was twenty-two years of age, and then worked on farms in the neighborhood, and has followed the occupation of farming ever since.

Mr. Moore enlisted in company I, Thirty-first Iowa regiment, infantry, August 24, 1862, as a non-commissioned officer. The regiment was ordered first to Helena, Ark., and then to Coldwater, Miss., where they were engaged in a skirmish, and then returned to camp. The regiment was next ordered to Vicksburg, where his company was engaged in battle on the 28th and 29th of December, 1862, under Gen. Sherman. After this engagement they went to Arkansas Post, but shortly after returned to Vicksburg, where under Gen. Grant he assisted in digging the canal. Here he was taken ill and transferred to Memphis, Tenn., and then to the hospital at St. Louis, from where he went to Keokuk, Iowa, and was honorably discharged March 17, 1864. As a result of his illness he was obliged to go on crutches for a year and a half after his discharge.

Mr. Moore came to Union county in 1871 and settled in Prairie township on a piece of wild land, which he entered as a homestead. He worked diligently improving his farm and remained there for ten years, when, in 1882, he came to his present location. In con-

nection with his farming operations he also operated a saw mill from 1883 to 1895, when he disposed of it; it has since been removed. As stated above, he is now the owner of 635 acres, 400 of which are under cultivation. He has made all the present improvements and has nearly eight miles of fencing. He does exclusively a general farming business and has been very successful in his undertakings.

Mr. Moore was married February 16, 1860, to Margaret Jane Kimball, a native of Lawrence county, Ohio; they had no children. Politically he has been a Republican, but now affiliates with the Populist party. He has taken considerable interest in local affairs and is well known as a man possessed of mature judgment and foresight. In 1881 he was elected to the Territorial legislature and took an active part in the territory's affairs. He was the author of and introduced three bills during this session, all of which he succeeded in having favorably voted on and passed. In 1891 was elected to the State legislature and represented his constituents in that body very satisfactorily. He has never held any county or township office. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Elk Point, blue lodge, and has also been a member of the G. A. R. post at that place.

**D**AVID M. WAY, a prominent, well-to-do and enterprising member of the farming community of Turner county, has devoted his life to various pursuits, principally agriculture, in which he has been fortunate, and is the proprietor of as good a farm as can be found within the limits of Dolton township, his homestead being located there in section

13. He is a native of Grand Isle county, Vt., and a son of James and Eliza (Walker) Way, both of whom were natives of Vermont. James Way was of French descent and a sailor on the great lakes in his younger days. The father of Mrs. Way, David Walker, was of Scotch ancestry, though he was born and reared in the Green Mountain state. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Way settled on a farm in Vermont until 1850, when they removed to New York, and in 1863, settled in Winneshiek county, Iowa, where they both passed from time to eternity, Mr. Way at the age of eighty-seven years, and his good wife in her seventy-sixth year.

David M. Way is the fourth child in order of their birth of a family of seven children, and his natal day was October 12, 1838. He was reared in his native place and attended school at Isle Lamotte until fourteen years old, when, in 1852, he went with his parents to Clinton county, N. Y., remaining there three years and finally locating in Oshkosh, Winnebago Co., Wis., where he engaged in the lumber and milling business, until 1861. While living in Oshkosh, Fort Sumter was fired on, the first battle of the Rebellion, and our subject was caught in the wave of patriotism which swept the entire north. June 4, 1861, he became a member of company B, Third Wisconsin regiment, infantry, and was immediately transferred to the front. He served until July 1, 1864, and then returned to Oshkosh, where he re-enlisted March 24, 1865, in company E, Twenty-second Wisconsin regiment, infantry, as a private. He was subsequently promoted to the rank of sergeant, and as such was mustered out and honorably discharged June

24, 1865, at Madison, Wis. Mr. Way, during his term of service was in many hotly contested battles, among which are the following: Antietam, where he had his musket shot out of his hands; Bolivar Heights, Winchester, Buckton Station, Cedar Mountain, the battle of the Rappahannock, the celebrated engagement at Gettysburg, and the battle of South Mountain.

Mr. Way was with his regiment in New York during the riot of 1863, and was with Gen. Sherman on his famous "march to the sea," and also participated in the battles fought at Rasaca, Pumpkinville Creek, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Chancellorsville, Beverly's Ford, and the second battle of Bull Run. Besides the engagements named, Mr. Way also participated in the battles of New Town, Gainesville, Newhope Church, Newmarket, Kulp's Farm, Cassville, Peach Tree Creek, Ezra Church, and skirmishes without number. He was also "in front of Atlanta." During his entire three and a half years of service our subject was neither sick nor off duty one day, and his army record is one of bravery and fearless discharge of duty.

After the close of hostilities Mr. Way came back to Oshkosh, Wis., and engaged again in his former occupation until 1866, when he made a trip to California *via* New York and Panama, and after a short stay on the Pacific coast returned again to Wisconsin, this time by way of Greytown and New York city. Until 1872 he made his home in Oshkosh, and then located in Allamakee county, Iowa, from where he went to Ridgway, Winneshiek county, of the same state, and in this latter place engaged in the hotel business, being the proprietor of The Ridgway House. In a year he sold out

his hostelry and located on a farm he had purchased while in the army, but this he only conducted for another twelve months and then disposed of it and removed to Calmar, Iowa, and again engaged in the hotel business. For the next few years he followed various occupations, being located in Specks Ferry in the employ of the C. M. & St. P. railroad; then at Lansing, Iowa, the winter of 1873 and '74 in the lumber woods in Wisconsin, and then until 1876 in Buena Vista county, Iowa, where he farmed and raised stock. His first location in Turner county, Dak. Ter., was at Turner, near the present site of Hurley, where he took up a homestead of 160 acres. This land he improved and lived on until 1880, and then removed to the farm whereon he at present resides, and this has been his home ever since with the exception of seven years spent in Oshkosh, from 1881 to '88. He has 160 acres of valuable land, highly improved and cultivated, with a good house, barns and other outbuildings. It is pleasantly situated, and a glance at the place indicates the thrift and enterprise of the owner, who is regarded as one of the prominent and progressive farmers of the township. He does a general farming and stock-raising business. In political sentiment he is a stalwart Republican, and is at present serving his fellow-citizens as treasurer of the township. Socially he belongs to the Carlton post, G. A. R., of Parker.

Our subject's first marriage occurred September 1, 1868, when he led to the hymeneal altar Miss Grace Smith, a native of Wisconsin. She passed from time to eternity March 15, 1881, the mother of three children, viz.: Lois, the wife of George Stalding, of Alexandria, S. Dak.; Maude E.,



attending the Fremont (Neb.) school, and Junius A. Mr. Way's second wife bore the maiden name of Miss Augusta Thom, to whom he was united in wedlock in July, 1887. She died in March, 1892, and September 1, 1894, he married Mrs. A. A. Caldwell, *nee* Wiser, a native of Delavan, Wis. She is the mother of four children by her former marriage, of whom we note the following, viz.: De Ette, Ina, John W., and Anna Blanche. The first named young lady is a stenographer in the office of the Argus-Leader at Sioux Falls.

**H**ON. RICHARD T. VINSON, formerly a leader in Union county's affairs, but now a resident of Vermillion, S. Dak., settled in Brule township in 1865, at which time he entered a quarter section of land. The cabin he built was 14x16 feet, and was covered with a primitive, but nevertheless serviceable sod roof. He worked hard and industriously after settling there, and the result was a well-improved farm, largely under cultivation, which was his home till 1891.

Mr. Vinson was born in Washington county, Ind., in 1820. He had but limited advantages for obtaining an education during his boyhood, which was passed in the "Hoosier state," but he improved every opportunity and accumulated a fund of knowledge, which has been the foundation of his success. He was married in Indiana to a Miss Dowlin, who died after the birth of their first child, William M., now a resident of Union county, a short sketch of whom follows. He subsequently married Miss Elizabeth Cowan, by whom he has a family of eight children, viz.: George W., Minerva,

Sarah, Hannah, Theresa, Thomas, Mack and Fred. Mr. Vinson is a man of marked characteristics, and officially has represented the people in many ways, serving in the territorial legislature in the sessions of 1867 and 1868, and as commissioner of Union county in 1870 and 1872, serving in this capacity two consecutive terms. He was also county surveyor one term during 1867 to 69. He is a man of broad mental gauge and has the essential qualities in his make-up for local leadership. He discharged every trust imposed upon him by his townsmen faithfully and his career is without blot or blemish. He is public spirited, progressive and a thorough representative of the best type of manhood. In politics he was formerly a Whig, and subsequently a Republican, the principles of which party he strongly adheres to and supports.

William M. Vinson, the only representative of the family residing in Union county, was born in Washington county, Ind., in 1845, from which place he went with his parents when only three years old, to a point near Dixon, Lee Co., Ill., and there lived for two years more. In 1850 his father moved to Marshall county, Iowa, and in that and adjoining counties, principally Grundy county, he passed his minor years. His early educational training was very limited, two years would cover the extent of his schooling; but he was studious by nature and quite easily mastered the rudimentary branches of learning. He mastered mathematics and surveying himself by study and close observation, and in these is proficient to expertness.

In 1865 the subject of this sketch came to Dakota when he was twenty years old, and the following year he took up a claim



at the mouth of the Jim river, in Yankton county. This claim he disposed of and later bought land in Union county, where he has since resided. He was elected county surveyor first in 1869, and has served in that capacity twenty-six years, a length of service few have equaled. He possesses to a large degree the characteristics of his father, and his mental progressiveness and activity is seen in his daily life. He is a whole-souled gentleman, liberal to a fault, and whatever advances the public good he endorses and supports.

Mr. Vinson was married in 1875 to Miss Clara Bucey of Union county; he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Elk Point lodge, Master degree, and politically affiliates with the Republican party.

**A**NDREW C. BROWN is one of the heroes of the late Civil war and is pursuing successfully the occupation of farming in Pleasant township, in section 29, of which he owns eighty acres of finely improved land. On this property he has built a comfortable residence and also good barns and outhouses and the estate is one of the neatest and best managed in the locality.

Our subject is a native of Oneida county, N. Y., and was born in 1833, a son of David M. and Sarah (Myers) Brown. He was reared to maturity in the Empire state and learned the trade of iron moulder, which he followed as a means of livelihood after completing his education in the common schools. When the war broke out Mr. Brown watched its course with interest, and in August, 1862, decided to offer his services in upholding the national honor. He en-

listed in company C, One Hundred and Seventeenth New York regiment, infantry, as a private, and was ordered to Washington, D. C., where the regiment was mustered into the army of the Potomac. Our subject participated in many of the famous battles of the rebellion, among them being the following: Chain Bridge, Norfolk, all the engagements occurring during the Peninsula campaign; the siege of Petersburg; then under Gen. Gilmore in South Carolina, Morris Island and the siege of Forts Wagner and Gregg. The regiment was under the command of Gen. Terry at the capture of Fort Fisher and then joined Gen. Grant's army and moved on to Appomattox. During his term of service our subject was taken sick and placed in a hospital at Raleigh, N. C.; after being discharged from there he rejoined his regiment and at the engagement at Drury's Bluff was wounded, and was also shot three times while participating in the assault on Fort Fisher. He served his country faithfully and well and after receiving an honorable discharge returned to his home in New York and resumed his work in the iron factories.

Mr. Brown did not come west until 1866, but that year he arrived at and settled in Blackhawk county, Iowa, on a prairie farm which was yet unimproved and in a primitive condition. He brought all his energy to bear on the cultivation of this property and in time had it in a well-tilled state. He then disposed of this farm, spent the next year in Wisconsin, and in 1878 came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and settled on his present farm. Here again he was confronted by wild prairie land, but during his residence on the property has brought "order out of chaos," as it were, and is now

reaping his reward with abundant crops. The entire eighty acres are improved.

Mr. Brown was married in 1854, to Miss Sarah Jane Crane, a native of Oneida county, N. Y., and a daughter of Mortimer Crane. Mrs. Brown is a member of the M. E. church. They are the parents of seven children, five of whom are living, viz.: Mortimer C., editor of the White Lake Wave, of White Lake, S. Dak.; Estella, wife of Mr. J. B. Savey; Howard, who lives in Beresford; Herbert and Elsie. All the children enjoyed liberal facilities for education at the hands of their indulgent parents, and have all qualified for the positions of teachers.

Our subject socially is a member of the Beresford post, G. A. R., and with his comrades lives over the stirring scenes through which they passed during that period of strife. He has served as a school director and is a true friend of education. In politics he is a staunch supporter of Republican principals, having advocated the cause since the organization of the party. Unassuming in manner, he has lived a straightforward and upright life, and well deserves a representation in this volume which records the lives of the honored citizens of Lincoln county.

**T**HOMAS ESPIE. Turner county, as well as other parts of South Dakota, is greatly indebted for its growth and progress during its comparatively short career as a farming country to many citizens who still make their homes within its borders. Our subject is a fine representative of this class of pioneers, and is one of the most progressive and

successful agriculturists and stock-growers in Norway township, in section 12 of which he has his residence. Mr. Espie was born in Scotland, December 28, 1848, and is a son of James and Mary (McKay) Espie, both natives of the land of heather, who emigrated with their family to America in 1866, and settled near Mt. Carroll, Ill., on a farm, where they passed from time to eternity. Of the family of eleven children born to this worthy couple four only survive, viz.: Alex, who lives in California; Thomas, of this sketch; Mrs. Agnes Adams, of Carroll county, Ill.; and Robert, of the same place.

Our subject was educated in the common schools of Carroll county, and supplemented this with a course at the seminary at Mt. Carroll, which liberal education amply fitted him for the life work he has chosen. Mr. Espie continued to make his home in the Prairie state until 1876, when he came west to Dakota and homesteaded 160 acres, and entered another 160 acres as a timber claim, which property now comprises his present farm. He was one of the first settlers in the vicinity, and helped organize the township, and since settling upon his homestead he has made all the numerous improvements that have so greatly increased its value since it came into his possession. He has a neat set of farm buildings and a fine house, wherein he and his wife have one of the coziest homes in the vicinity. Ever since his career as a farmer began here he has engaged in stock-raising, and has met with eminent success in this branch of agriculture, as well as in grain cultivation. Of his estate of 320 acres, 235 are under plow, and from the products of this land he derives a neat income.

The lady in whose sympathy and intelligence Mr. Espie finds rest and inspiration, when burdened by his onerous duties, became his wife in the spring of 1881, prior to which time she was known as Miss Emily Williamson. She is a native of Wisconsin, a daughter of James Williamson, who now resides in Hurley township, of this county. Mr. Espie is essentially a self-made man, having started in life with but limited means, and achieving success by his ambitious and persistent efforts to overcome every obstacle that lay in his pathway.

Possessing many fine traits of character, and always genial and obliging in his intercourse with others, he is held in high esteem throughout the community. He has been a school officer ever since he first located in the county, is a justice of the peace, has been a member of the town board, and also served two years in the capacity of assessor, in all of which positions he has acquitted himself with marked ability. He is sound in his political views, and gives the Republican party hearty support. Religiously, he holds membership in the Presbyterian church of which he is a trustee, and his wife also attends that place of worship.

**W**ILLIAM ROSWELL McKENZIE, one of the prosperous and well-known citizens of the southern part of Union county, who has made his home on section 10, Civil Bend township, since his settlement here in 1880, is a native of Cuyahoga county, Ohio, and was born November 3, 1844. He is a son of W. W. and Lydia Lucretia (McCune) McKenzie, the former born in Vermont, and the latter a native of Lorain county, Ohio.

W. W. McKenzie was born in 1814, and came to Cuyahoga county in 1833, where he died October 8, 1892. Mrs. McKenzie still survives and resides in Ohio. Five of their children are living, viz.: William R., Abell, Charles H., Frank M., and Harry A.

The subject of this personal history was reared on a farm, where he early acquired the habits of thrift and economy, and was still a member of his father's household when the Civil war broke out. May 2, 1864, he enlisted in company I, 150th regiment Ohio Nat. Guards and did service around Washington, D. C., until discharged. February 13, 1865, he again enlisted in the One Hundred and Ninety-fourth Ohio regiment, infantry, as corporal, and went with the company into the Shenandoah valley till the surrender of Lee's army, when the regiment was ordered to Harper's Ferry, and later on mustered out at Washington. He was discharged November 3, 1865, at Columbus, Ohio, and returned home, where he remained for two years. In the fall of 1868 Mr. McKenzie started for the state of Minnesota, locating on a farm in Winona county, where he built a log cabin on the border of the Mississippi river. The cabin did not boast of a window or door in the openings, but it served its purpose just as well and good. It was a wild piece of property, and taxed our subject's energy in clearing it, but he persevered and succeeded, proved up, and later on sold out. From Minnesota he went to Nebraska in 1881, and settled at Logan Bottom, Wayne county, where he erected a sod house. He only stayed there a couple of months, however, when he sold out and came to Dak. Ter., settling where he now lives. When he settled in Dakota he didn't possess any too much of this

world's goods, but he was a man who was not afraid of hard work, and accordingly he has succeeded in all his undertakings and prospered. He is considered a man of mature judgment, well-informed on current topics, and has the confidence of the community. He owns a fine farm of 177 acres of land, 100 of which are under cultivation. The residence, barns, outbuildings and other improvements, have all been made by him, and they are substantially constructed. He has been an officer of the school board for fifteen years, and, while a resident of Minnesota, was a member of the board of supervisors. Politically the Democratic party formerly got his vote, but lately he joined the Populistic movement. He is also a member of the Masonic order, blue lodge, at Elk Point.

Mr. McKenzie was married September 27, 1868, to Miss Almira Vaughn, a native of Columbia township, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, born October 4, 1847, and they are the parents of seven children as follows: Lucretia L., wife of A. Beavers, of Civil Bend township, has one child; Bertrand G., Kate, W. R., Jr., Edith, Ida and Estella.

**L**EVI M. WOOD. This gentleman may well be classed among the early settlers of Lincoln county, having made his appearance here in the fall of 1872 when he located on the farm which he now calls home. His parents Morris and Abashaba (Sudduth) Wood, were natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively, and came west to Iowa shortly after marriage where they made their home. Our subject grew to manhood in the latter state, passing his early life in Bremer

county, in the common schools of which he gained the rudiments of an education.

Mr. Wood's patriotic spirit was aroused early after the breaking out of the war, and although he made numerous attempts to enlist, he always had his application turned down on account of his size, which is explained by the fact that when he was twenty years of age he weighed but about 100 pounds. However, he finally succeeded in 1864 in having his application accepted, and in January of that year enlisted in company C, Second Iowa cavalry. The troop was ordered to Memphis, Tenn., and then south, and in the engagement at Tupelo, Miss., our subject saw his first active duty as a soldier in a fight. He participated in the last battle at Nashville and served until the close of hostilities, being mustered out at Selma, Ala. After his return home to Iowa he continued to reside in Bremer county, and was there married to Miss Vinett Bent. Two years later they located in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., as stated above, bringing their two children, a yoke of cattle and three cows but very little money. Mr. Wood immediately set to work to make the most of his opportunity, and the success he has met with is attested by the fact that he and his wife are now the owners of 240 acres of well-improved farming land, located in LaValley township, on which Mr. Wood raises grain principally, and besides this they also have some property located in the towns of Canton and Worthing. He relates many remarkable incidents experienced by the early settlers of the territory, among them the severe blizzards of the winters. He himself was caught in the timber in the blizzard in January, 1873, in company with Mr. Wilcox;

but together they found a shanty in which they kept themselves from freezing and finally got home. He and his amiable wife now have a cozy home and its hospitalities are well known among their numerous friends. Their family consists of the following children: Minta, wife of George Voges, a son of Chas. W. Voges an early settler of Lincoln county; Herbert L., Frank and Eddie.

Mr. Wood possesses many estimable traits of character, is endowed with activity, persistence and a good capacity for well-directed labor, which have placed him in the forefront among the farmers of his vicinity. He is keenly alive to the interests of the community, and does all in his power to push all schemes forward that will in any way enhance its growth or elevate its status. For three years he has served as justice of the peace, has filled at one time and another nearly all the offices of the township and makes a fine civic official. He has also served as a member of the school board for many years. Socially he belongs to the G. A. R. post at Canton and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a thorough Republican and stands by his party through thick and thin.

**H**ON. NORRIS J. WALLACE, an old resident of Union county, engaged in the pursuit of agriculture in Elk Point township, located here in 1861, being one of the few whom he now calls to mind that were residing in Union county at the time of his settlement. He was born in Franconia, Grafton Co., N. H., December 11, 1830, and is a son of Reuben and Anna (Howard) Wallace. Mr.

Wallace's father was a native of Franconia, in fact was born in the same house in which our subject first saw the light. His mother was born in Oneida county, N. Y. After the war both his parents settled in Missouri, where their demise occurred.

Mr. Wallace spent his boyhood days in his native state, obtained a practical education in the common schools of the district, supplementing this with a course of two years in the New Hampton institute, a Baptist college. His education had qualified him for a teacher's position, and he spent two years of his time before coming to Dakota in teaching school in Ohio and Iowa. During his early residence in Union county he was employed by Mr. Wixson, later taking up surveying with a party of government engineers, and during the winter following he taught the first school Union county ever boasted of, which was located in the settlement of Elk Point. Mr. Wallace enlisted in 1862 in company B, First Dakota battalion, cavalry, which was one of the two companies the territory of Dakota furnished for service during the war. The duties of these two battalions was to quell uprisings of the Indians and guard against the intrusion of southern emissaries to stir up the wily red men into hostilities. He was appointed quartermaster-sergeant of his company, and served in that capacity three years and two months. During his enlistment he saw much active service, marching and countermarching, for little fighting was indulged in. He served under the leadership of Gen. Sully, the renowned Indian fighter and campaigner. After an honorable discharge in 1865 he immediately returned to Union county and proved up on his timber claim, which he sold, and later on

bought an improved farm. He has followed farming principally since that time.

Mr. Wallace came to Dakota single, the only representative of his family, and in 1871 was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Miss Annie M. Hays, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Chambers) Hays, who were natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers near the enterprising town of Freeport, Ill. They came to Dakota in 1869. The result of this union is one child—Elmer J., who is at present a student at the state university at Vermillion.

Mr. Wallace was elected to the territorial legislature (the house) in 1862 for one year, and in 1868 was elected to the council of the territory for one year. In 1869 he was appointed receiver of the United States land office at Vermillion, and held the position four years, and in 1874 was elected treasurer of Union county, serving in this capacity another four years. He is a man whose integrity of character is often spoken of among his fellows, and his name is a synonym of honesty. The numerous positions he has held, both elective and appointive, attest to his popularity. None know him but to respect and admire him for his integrity and high moral character. Both he and his good wife are members of the Congregational church, and take a deep interest in all religious matters. In politics he is a free-silver Republican.

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**J**OHN E. PENNER, the enterprising young business man who has charge of the Carey-Lombard Lumber company's interests at Marion Junction, Turner county, is a native of Russia, and

was born January 7, 1866. He was reared in the place of his nativity until he was eleven years of age, at which time he accompanied his parents, John and Margaret Penner, on their voyage to America. Mr. and Mrs. Penner, after looking around for a place in which to establish a home, located two and a half miles northeast of Parker, where Mr. Penner entered a quarter section of government land, and there they still continue to reside.

Our subject was about twelve years old when his parents settled permanently in Turner county, and he was reared from that age on the farm there. During his more mature years he secured employment with Mr. C. G. Pratt, who was in the lumber business in Parker, and continued with him for a period of four years. The next six months he spent in Sioux City, Iowa, and the following year in the Black Hills on a ranch, where he operated a threshing machine in the fall. He also spent one year as clerk in the Wentworth hotel at Parker, and at the expiration of that time engaged with the Carey-Lombard Lumber company, taking charge of their business at Marion Junction in March, 1892. Under his able management the business has grown to large proportions, and his ever-increasing patronage is the result of his courteous treatment and the sound judgment on which he conducts the business.

Mr. Penner is a Republican from the ground up and for sound money, and has served his fellow-townsmen in the capacity of village clerk for four years. Socially, he belongs to the Marion lodges of the I. O. O. F. and M. W. A., and takes an active part in the affairs of the orders.

Mr. Penner was united in wedlock Octo-





FREDERICK A. AIDEN



ber 1, 1892, to Miss Annie Wentz, and to this union have been born two children, Elmer and Annie.

**F**REDERICK KEIDEL, of whom a portrait will be noticed on another page, is a fine representative of the German element that is helping to carry forward the extensive farming and stock-growing interests of Lincoln county. He has his home in section 19 of Dayton township, and is the possessor of a fine farm, which is one of the most valuable pieces of property in the vicinity. February 24, 1839, was the date of the birth of our subject in Germany. He grew to a sturdy, stalwart youth amid the pleasant scenes of his early home, and was there bred to the life of a farmer. He was ambitious to see something more of the world and to better his fortunes, so at the age of seventeen years he left the land of his nativity in company with his mother and elder brother, his father having died when he was but two years of age. The family embarked in a sailing vessel and were six weeks crossing the Atlantic, and reaching the mecca of so many of their countrymen. After landing at New York they came direct to Dubuque, Iowa, and there the subject of this sketch passed the next two years of his life. At the expiration of that time he removed to a farm near Earlville, and was there employed for something over a year, working by the month. During his residence in that place the Civil war broke out, and our subject, although an alien, became thoroughly imbued with the patriotic spirit which swept like a tidal wave over the entire northern

portion of the United States. He was thoroughly in sympathy with the cause of the Union, and bravely decided to enlist and lend a helping hand toward the preservation of his adopted country. Accordingly in May, 1861, he enlisted in company A, Third Iowa regiment, infantry, and served faithfully until the close of hostilities. In July, 1863, while with the troops at Jackson, Miss., he was captured by the rebels and served two months in Belle Isle prison until exchanged. He then rejoined his regiment, but the next year at Atlanta, Ga., he was again captured, and this time incarcerated in the prison at Andersonville, the horrors of which are so well known to many old soldiers who had occasion to spend a part of their life during the great strife within its walls. Besides the battle of Atlanta, Mr. Keidel also participated in many of the famous engagements of the rebellion, among them being the battles of Shiloh and Corinth and the siege of Vicksburg, as well as many minor skirmishes and engagements. He served faithfully and well and was mustered out at Davenport, Iowa, July 12, 1865, and honorably discharged.

In the fall and winter of 1865 Mr. Keidel made his home in Delaware and Clayton counties, Iowa, and on December 31, of that year, gallantly led to the altar the lady of his choice. The happy bride was Miss Hattie Griffith, who was a native of Clayton county, Iowa, and a daughter of Dr. J. W. Griffith. After his marriage Mr. Keidel and his wife took up their domestic life on a farm in Delaware county, where our subject engaged in farming for the following two years. In the spring of 1868, he came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and took up a claim in Highland township, which he

lived in for a period of four years, and then entered a quarter section in Dayton and La Valley townships. He settled with his family in section 19 of the former township, and has since been a resident there. He has always been engaged in farming, and being one of the old settlers of the county, has experienced all the hardships incident to the development of this vast agricultural region. The buildings on his farm are all of solid construction and reflect credit on the enterprise of the owner. The farm is further embellished with numerous trees, and all in all, is a model agricultural property, methodically managed and made to produce abundantly. Mr. Keidel is held in high esteem as a thorough-going and intelligent citizen, and has always taken much interest in the conduct of local affairs. He has held the office of justice of the peace and school director for several years, and performed the duties imposed to the entire satisfaction of the community. His army days are commemorated by his membership in the General Lyon post No. 11, G. A. R., at Canton, and religiously he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Keidel's second marriage occurred June 6, 1880, at which time he became the husband of Mrs. Eunice J. Ladon. Mrs. Keidel was born and reared in Grant county, Wis., and is a daughter of John B. Tanner. Her mother died when she was but eighteen months of age, and she was then adopted by J. C. Tucker, with whom she remained until her marriage to Ozias W. Ladon. By that marriage she became the mother of four children, three daughters and one son, viz.: Marrilla J., Alaison S., Grace P., and Harry E., who died in infancy. Mr. Keidel by his first marriage

had four sons who are known by the following names—Edward, Wesley, Frank and Charles.

**C**ORNELIUS JANTZ. The farming interests of Marion township, Turner county, have a worthy exponent in the person of the gentleman above named, who operates a farm in section 6. The entire tract of 160 acres is improved and tillable, and altogether makes up an estate whereon a remunerative business may well be done by a man who devotes himself closely and intelligently to his work. In the way of buildings every arrangement has been made for the economical conduct of the farm, and for the comfort of the family a nice residence has been constructed.

Our subject was born in the north of Russia January 1, 1856, and made his native place his home until he had attained the age of seventeen years. He came at that time to America and decided to locate in Kansas, where he first stopped. He only stayed there six months, however, and then settled in eastern Iowa, where he operated farms in Johnson and other counties, but with only moderate success. In 1879 he came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., a poor man and took the homestead whereon he now resides. For seven years after arrival he was successful in his undertaking, and and then in order to invest in a creamery he mortgaged his property to secure the money. This enterprise proved a failure and he lost his entire investment. For two years he made his residence in the village of Marion Junction, at the expiration of which time he returned to his homestead and started farm-

ing again. Misfortune seemed to dog his footsteps, for the first year he lost his crops by hail and the second year drought played even greater havoc with the growing grain; but through all these discouragements our subject never lost heart, and the harder the times got the harder he worked. He is now reaping the reward of persistent and well-directed energy by garnering abundant crops, and has gained again a strong foothold on the road to prosperity.

Our subject was married the first year of his residence in Turner county to the estimable lady who has ever since shared her husband's joys and sorrows. Mrs. Jantz bore the maiden name of Miss Mary Nickel and is a native of the same county in Russia where our subject first saw the light. Their married life has been blessed to them by the advent of seven children, on whom have been bestowed the following names, viz.: John, Andrew, Benjamin, Jacob, Abraham, Henry and Peter. Mr. Jantz is a member of the school board of his district and politically is a strong Republican, advocating the principles of that party by both voice and vote. He has also served as a member of the board of supervisors, and as a citizen is highly esteemed and respected for his many excellent traits of character. The family belongs to the Mennonite church.

**A**LEMENT GUILLAUME, one of the oldest living settlers in Union county, was born in Switzerland, October 30, 1831. He is a son of Theopolus and Emily Guillaume, who came to America in 1850 and settled in Oneida county, N. Y.

The subject of this sketch lived in his

native land until he attained the age of seventeen years, acquiring all the education he ever received in that country. He learned the shoemaker's trade in Switzerland, which for five years he followed while residing in New York. From there he went to Zanesville, Ind., where also he practiced the art of making and mending footwear, and a year later started for and arrived at La Crosse, Wis., following his trade at this place until he located in Elk Point township, Union county, July 6, 1863, where he now resides. Mr. Guillaume started from La Crosse with his wife, three children, two yoke of cattle, one cow and a wagon, with \$80 in cash money. After settling on his claim he erected a small log cabin covering it with a sod roof, and started in to improve his farm. His money gave out and he went to work in Sioux City during the year 1864, after which for three years he followed the business of freighting goods to the western and northern sections of this country, his family in the meantime staying on his claim. The old log cabin and board shanty which succeeded it have now given way to his modern residence, in which Mr. Guillaume is spending the evening of his life surrounded by every comfort. His present farm consists of 200 acres.

Mr. Guillaume was married in La Crosse, Wis., to Miss Philomena La Belle, who has borne him twelve children—ten living, viz.: George, Alfred, Julia, Ulysses, David, Laura, Ida, Wesley, Louisa and William. The deceased are Charles and an infant babe. Both of Mr. Guillaume's parents died in New York state where he now has three brothers and two sisters living.

For twenty-one years he has been connected with school offices of Elk Point town-

ship, having been treasurer for over eighteen years and a director for three years. Politically he is a stanch Republican, and a Presbyterian in religious belief. Mr. Guillaume is a man of sterling quality and held in high esteem by all who know him. He has the confidence of the entire community, which is attested by the many years of efficient service he has given to his townsmen in official capacities.

ELIAS STONE BECK is classed among the most energetic and capable of farmers of Dayton township, Lincoln county. His career has been marked throughout with persistent and faithful efforts to advance his own interests and those for whom he worked, and he has been rewarded by the acquisition of a good property and a high reputation.

The eyes of Mr. Beck first opened to the light in Lancaster county, Pa., September 6, 1852. He was one of a family of six children born to Martin and Rebecca (Stone) Beck. Mrs. Beck died in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1864, leaving the grief-stricken father with the care of the six children, the eldest of whom was but fifteen years old. Two years later Mr. Beck removed to Berks county, Pa., but subsequently returned to Lancaster county, where he also passed to his reward beyond the grave in 1880. Elias, when his father went to Berks county, accompanied him and lived there six years, assisting his parent, who was a miller by occupation; later he went to Chester county, where he operated a farm for two years, during the winter months of that period attending school, and

subsequently became a student in the Chester Valley academy, finishing his education with a term at that institution. Having fitted himself for the position of teacher, and having also by that time attained his majority, he began looking around for some means of earning his own livelihood. His first location was in Union county, Pa., where he secured a position at teaching during the winter months, and worked at farming in the summer. For five years he continued at this, and then bought a farm in Northumberland county, which he operated for a period of two years, selling out in 1881, and coming to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., He purchased 160 acres on section 5, of Dayton township at that time, and there he settled with his family and has since resided. Mr. Beck has taught school every winter since coming to Dakota territory up to 1895 in connection with farming. He is a Republican politically, and has taken quite an active interest in all public affairs, and is at present a justice of the peace in Dayton township, which position he has held for several years. He is also a clerk of the school district No. 28. He is a man of unusual enterprise, thrift and energy, and the success which has crowned his efforts is well merited. He is rather conservative but is straightforward and honorable in all his dealings.

Mr. Beck while pursuing his labors in Union county, Pa., formed the acquaintance of the lady who now so graciously presides over the household affairs. Her maiden name was Miss Delia Klapp, and she was born September 6, 1858, in Union county, Pa. Her father and mother, Peter and Catherine (Haag) Klapp, were natives of Berks county, that state, where the former

followed the occupation of teaching, and incidentally conducted farming. He died in 1860 in Union county, and eight years later his good wife followed him to the shore from whence no traveler returns. They had a family of thirteen children, seven sons and six daughters, Miss Delia being the twelfth child in order of birth. The ceremony uniting the lives of our subject and Miss Klapp occurred December 16, 1878, and a year later he and his wife located on the farm in Northumberland county, Pa., as stated above. Their married life has been blessed to them by the advent of six children of whom we note the following: Martin H., A. Brady, Warren E., Theodora Estella, Ernest Stone and Mary Ella. Both Mr. and Mrs. Beck are devout Christians and have been members of the Lutheran church for many years.

**H**ON. JOHN CLEMENTSON KLAVE is one of the representative Scandinavian citizens and early settlers of Union county, dating his settlement in Dakota since 1863, when he came to the territory as a soldier. He was born in Norway in 1845, and is a son of Clement Klave, also a native of that country. He was reared on a farm in his native land, and received but a limited education in the common schools. When he was a lad of about fourteen years he rescued a young companion from drowning, for which heroic service he was presented with the thanks of the people and received a medal for his bravery. It happened in this wise: A party of school children on their way from school were directed by Mr. Klave to

another route than that which they were pursuing, which took them over a high bridge. One boy, when he was in the middle of the structure became dizzy, lost his balance and fell to the water below. Our subject saw the accident and sprang after him, and, although he was a poor swimmer, he managed to save his companion's life.

In 1862, when John Clementson Klave was yet in his 'teens, he left his ancestral shores and emigrated to America, first landing at Quebec. From this place he made his way westward, his objective point being Red Wing, Minn., which town he subsequently reached. At Red Wing he found employment on a farm till the fall of 1862, when he enlisted at the call of his adopted country for volunteers, first in the three-months' service in an independent company, the time being spent in crusades against the Indians. Then he re-enlisted in the First regiment Minnesota mounted rangers, company F, and was detailed for service in Minnesota and in an expedition into northern Dakota after redskins. Their first battle with the Indians was fought on Dakota soil, at the head of the Jim river, known as Big Mound. In this engagement, which took place July 24, 1863, our subject received a bullet through his overcoat, but was otherwise unharmed. The second battle occurred at Buffalo lake, and the third at Stone's lake, the former on July 26 and the latter July 28, 1863. The first of these engagements was a hard one, and several lives were lost. Skirmishing occurred frequently thereafter until the command reached the Missouri river, where they engaged in another fight five miles below the city of Bismark. After his term of service expired he re-enlisted in Brackett's Minnesota battalion,

United States troops, and was transferred to the frontier. While in this company he was in an engagement just west of the Missouri river at a place called Killdeer mountain, July 26, 1864; and then again another battle with the Indians took place on the Little Missouri river, followed by a skirmish as they were passing through the Bad Lands. He served in the ranks as a private soldier, and had many exciting adventures. He came near freezing on a trip after the mail, thirty-five miles away. Three men started, but two turned back because of the terrible weather. He pushed on, however, and returned with the mail, having suffered greatly from the cold and exposure. His term of service expired in 1865, when he was honorably discharged.

When the war was over John Clementson Klave hitched up his team, and in company with his brother Tobias and a cousin, who had just arrived from Norway, he came to Dakota, locating on his present place. He homesteaded 160 acres, and then built a house, a log one, large enough to accommodate several families. Here he has lived ever since. He now owns 480 acres of good land, all comfortably improved and in high cultivation. He was elected to the territorial legislature in 1868, and served one term in the lower house; and later he was elected to the territorial treasurership, serving one term, and has held other minor offices. He is a member of the Stephen A. Hulburt post No. 9, at Elk Point, and he and family are Lutheran in religious belief. He supported formerly the Republican party, but at present is independent in politics. He was married in 1879 to Ella Bergum, who has borne him two children, viz.: Charles and Emma.

**G**EORGE H. VAN EPPS, one of the prominent and well-known agriculturists of Marion township, Turner county, was born in Glenville, N. Y., and first opened his eyes to the light July 26, 1847. His father, David C. Van Epps, was a son of John Van Epps, a Revolutionary war soldier, and was born, reared and died in the Empire state at the age of seventy-four years. He followed farming as an occupation, and religiously was a member of the Reformed church. The mother of our subject, Cathaline Van Patten, was also born in New York, where she still resides on the old homestead at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Her grandfather was a captain in the Revolution, and her father, Simon Van Patten, was one of the early settlers of New York.

The gentleman of whom we write traces his lineage to Holland, his remote ancestors coming from that country, and he is the youngest of a family of five children born the couple named above. He was reared in his native place and obtained a common-school education in the district schools, remaining a member of the parental household until he had attained his majority. In 1880 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Shankel, a daughter of Henry and Anna M. (Reece) Shankel, and three years later he made his appearance in Dakota territory. He first located in Parker township, buying a farm of 160 acres, a mile north of the city of that name, and this property he operated for the next three years. At the expiration of that time he sold out and bought another farm of 160 acres in the same township, east of his former location, and on this land he lived the next five years. After disposing of his interests there he pur-

chased the two quarter sections on which he now makes his residence, and on this property is conducting a general farming business.

To Mr. and Mrs. Van Epps have been born four children, viz.: W. Howard, Harry P., Carrie M. and David C., and they make an interesting little family. They are members of the Presbyterian church at Parker, in which Mr. Van Epps serves as an elder, and take an active part in all religious affairs.

Mr. Van Epps is a staunch Republican of the straightest type, and is now a justice of the peace as well as chairman of the school board of his district.

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EDWARD ISAKSON, who is engaged in farming on section 31 of Dayton township, has been a resident of Lincoln county since he was eleven years old. He was the fifth child of a family consisting of three sons and three daughters, and was born near Christiana, Norway, December 11, 1860. His parents were Isaac and Anna (Nelson) Isakson, the former being a native of Norway and Mrs. Isakson of Sweden. They emigrated to America in 1871, coming direct to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and settled on the farm on which our subject now resides. Both Mr. and Mrs. Isakson are still alive, and make their home with our subject.

Edward received his education in the common schools of Lincoln county, assisting his father in the cultivation of the farm in the summer and attending the winter terms of the schools. He grew up to manhood with a thorough knowledge of the best methods of conducting a farm, and has continued to follow the occupation of farmer

ever since. He now owns 200 acres of fine land, which includes the old homestead, all of which is highly cultivated, and has been under careful tillage for a number of years. He has been a potent factor in the advancement of the welfare of his community, and naturally takes an active interest in local affairs. He has held many of the township offices and is now chairman of the school board.

Mr. Isakson married Miss Andrena Sundvold May 28, 1885. She is a daughter of Andrew and Anna (Sampson) Sundvold, and was born in Dane county, Wis., August 4, 1863. Her parents were both natives of Norway, but emigrated to America and settled in Wisconsin, leaving the latter place in 1876, and coming to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. They now reside in La Valley township. Mr. and Mrs. Isakson have been blessed in their marriage by the advent of four children, as follows: Alvin I., Amlin A., Pearl O. and Lorain R. They are both members of the Lutheran church and regular attendants thereat.

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IVER A. IVERSON, who resides in section 9, of Norway township, has been a resident of Clay county since he was five years of age. He was born in Dane county, Wis., March 20, 1855, and is a son of the late Aslak Iverson, who died in Norway township in 1889. He came to Dakota in 1859, and located first in Vermillion township, but later removed to Norway township where his death occurred. Mrs. Iverson, the mother of our subject, bore the maiden name of Julia Sampson; she passed away in Dane county, Wis., in 1855.



Iver A. Iverson was reared in his native place until 1860, at which time in company with his step-mother, they started for Dakota to join Mr. Iverson, who had preceded them the year previous. He grew to manhood in Norway township, and has always been a resident thereof. Such education as was afforded in the common schools he had the advantage of, and after attaining mature years he married Miss Rosa Larson, also a native of Dane county, Wis., born November 9, 1857. After the wedding, which occurred November 6, 1878, the young couple took up their domestic life on the farm in section 9, of Norway township, where they have since made their home. Two hundred broad and fertile acres comprise the estate, and on this property Mr. Iverson has erected such structures as are necessary in carrying on a general farming business, in which he is extensively engaged.

Our subject and his wife have been blessed by the birth of seven children, their only sorrow being the death of one who passed away in infancy. Those living are: Gertie, Bertha, Alice D. C., Martha, Tilla A. and Jacobina G. Mr. Iverson has held the office of school clerk and township assessor, and has also been a member of the town board. Religiously he holds membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church, as does also his estimable wife.

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**R**EV. CHARLES F. ROBINSON, a learned member of the Catholic clergy, is pastor of the church at Parker, S. Dak. He was born in Three Rivers, Canada, March 16, 1855, a

son of France X. and Emily (Rousseau) Robinson. Grandfather Robinson was born in Scotland and emigrated to Canada at the age of ten years, where he grew to maturity and married a Miss Du Gre, a young lady of French birth and parentage. The mother of our subject was born in the state of Vermont, but her father and mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Jane Thomas, were natives of Canada and of English descent.

Rev. Father Robinson is the eldest of a family of ten children and was about five years of age when he accompanied his parents to Quebec. In this latter place he laid the foundation of his fine education, attending the St. Mary's Christian Brothers college. After finishing his studies in Quebec he became a student at the Catholic seminary at Nicholet, Canada, going from there to Dubuque, Iowa, and later entered the St. John university at Collegeville, Minn. After finishing the specified curriculum at this latter institution he was ordained priest January 1, 1889, by Bishop Marty, and thus well trained for the work before him he took his first charge. This was at Frankford, Dak. Ter., where he remained a period of eight years, the congregation consisting of about one hundred families. Father Robinson was called to the Parker church September 20, 1896, and in this short time he has infused new life into the church by putting his whole life and soul into the work. Besides the church at Parker, Father Robinson also has charge of the congregations at Lennox, Worthing and Clinton, having his headquarters at the first named place, and under his fostering care they are in a thriving and flourishing condition. He is a man of earnest, practical nature, a gentleman of



polished manners and has secured a strong foothold in the confidence of his parishioners by whom he is greatly beloved.

**H**ON. JOEL F. WEBBER, deceased, who in early life was one of the prominent business men of Sioux City, Iowa, and Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and later a resident of Brule township, Union county, was a native of Maine, born near Bangor, July 14, 1817. He was a son of Joel Webber, whose wife's name prior to marriage was Foss. His ancestors were early settlers in New England, and probably of Scotch descent.

Joel F. went to sea when he was ten years old, and followed the life of a sailor till he attained his majority, after which for a time he worked on the Erie canal. While he was in New Orleans, La., he enlisted in a battalion of troops raised for service in the war with Mexico, and fought under Gen. Scott. He participated in many of the engagements in that campaign, and also in the battle of the city of Mexico. For meritorious service he was promoted to first lieutenant just before the war closed. He was wounded in the leg, and also in the arm. After his discharge he went to Boston, and in about 1849 came to Wisconsin, settling at Portage City, that state, where he engaged in lumbering till 1862, when he went to Minnesota and started logging. In 1865 he erected the second sawmill in Sioux City, coming to that city the same year. The milling business he conducted in Sioux City till 1871, when he removed to Sioux Falls, Dak. Ter., and built the first flouring-mill at that point in the territory. He conveyed the lumber and material to erect this mill

by ox teams from Sioux City, a distance of one hundred miles; the business was conducted principally by his sons. About this time he bought 440 acres of land near the village of Richland; it was unimproved, and here he made a permanent home.

Mr. Webber was successful in all his undertakings, was a prosperous and energetic man, and accumulated property that at one time was estimated to be worth \$60,000. He was a kind, indulgent father, and presented all his children with good homes. He was elected to the territorial legislature, and served in that body during 1878 and '79, a term of two years. His elective franchise was used in support of the Republican party. He was married at Portage City, Wis., to Miss Olive Sands, of Illinois, in 1849 or 1850, and to him and wife were born seven children, four of whom are still living, viz.: Fred, who resides in Kansas City; Charles F., who lives in Los Angeles, Cal.; Joel F., who manages the old homestead, and George, who resides in Vermillion, S. Dak. The deceased are: Eleanor, the eldest of the children; Frank, who was killed by the Indians in Nebraska at the Sidney crossing of the North Platte river, June 15, 1876, aged twenty-three years, while on business for Pratt & Ferris, freight contractors; and Lydia, who died March 7, 1891, in Wyoming. Mrs. Webber was forty years of age when her death occurred in January, 1871, and Mr. Webber passed to the world beyond March 14, 1891.

HON. JOEL F. WEBBER, JR., was the fourth child in order of birth, and was born in Portage City, Wis., September 19, 1861. His early life was principally spent in Sioux City, Iowa, and Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and in the common schools

of these two towns he obtained a good, practical education. He was elected to the legislature in 1894 on the Republican ticket for a term of two years, and was on the committee of ways and means, emigration, and other important ones. His farm consists of 300 acres of highly-cultivated land, well improved. He is a Woodman socially and a Republican politically.

EMIEL BRAUCH, the pioneer druggist of Hurley, Turner county, where he has been carrying on an extensive business in this line ever since the location of the town, is a native of Missouri, born near the city of Hermann, in Gasconade county. His father, Hon. Jacob Brauch, was of Swiss birth and parentage, and came to America about 1851 or 1852. He first located in St. Louis Mo., where he remained awhile and then came to Cedar county, Neb., where, in 1857, he erected a saw mill and in company with a Mr. Jones operated it for a period of about five years. He removed from Nebraska in 1863 to Dakota territory, and settled on a farm in Yankton county, two miles west of the city of the same name, where he constructed another mill which he operated while grubbing out his property. Later on he retired to the city of Yankton, and there died in November, 1890. Mr. Brauch took an active part in general political affairs, and was a staunch supporter of Republican doctrines and principles. As a member of the lower house of the territorial legislature he served two terms, and also one term in the senate. His career as representative of the people in both the above capacities was alike honorable to him-

self and the community, and as commissioner of emigration his record is especially commendable, he being one of the active members of that body which had in hand the disposition of the Russian emigrants who were arriving in great numbers during his term of office. He also was elected commissioner of Yankton county, and represented his ward as alderman in the city council, in both of which positions he acquitted himself with marked ability. Mr. Brauch was married twice and seven of his children survive, five of whom were by his first wife and two by his second.

Emiel Brauch, the gentleman to whom these paragraphs refer in particular, was born August 25, 1854. He was reared principally on his father's farm in Yankton county, and attended the common schools then in vogue in the neighborhood. At the age of eighteen years he left home and started out to make a living for himself, working at anything he could find to do, and in 1877 took charge of a general store at Swan Lake for Mr. Joseph Allen, which he conducted for the next six years. In 1883 on the location of the site of Hurley he removed thither, and, after erecting a building in the lower end of town, opened up his store with a stock of drugs and chemicals. In the spring of 1888 he established himself in his present location, where he has since carried on his business. He has a general line of drugs, patent medicines, toilet articles, etc., and has an extensive trade in and around Hurley.

Mr. Brauch has been closely identified with the growth of the town, and has liberally supported all feasible plans devised for its advancement and the betterment of the community at large. He is one of the

prominent men of the county, both as a private citizen and politically, and is now serving his second term as chairman of the Republican central committee, with which party he has always affiliated. He is also a member of the state central committee of the same party, and did some very effective work in the campaign just closed, which elected Hon. William McKinley president of the United States. In local matters he has also taken an active part, and as a member of the town board was a staunch advocate of sound business management in local government. Socially he is a Modern Woodman, and also an Odd Fellow, being the present secretary of the latter order.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Sarah Allen, the daughter of Joseph Allen, now a resident of Hurley, was celebrated June 3, 1878, and their domestic life has been one of happiness and contentment. Religiously they have been members of the Episcopal church, and Mrs. Brauch is a student of Christian Science.

**L**EWIS A. LARSON, a thorough-going and enterprising young agriculturist of Norway township, Clay county, in section 8 of which he has his residence and farm, is a native of Norway, and was born February 9, 1859. He is the eldest of a family of three children, and was about nine years of age when he accompanied his parents to this country. The family came at once to Dakota territory and settled in Norway township, and here the father, Swen Larson, still resides, making his home with his son, the subject of this sketch.

Lewis A. Larson grew to manhood on

the old homestead, and under his father's tuition became a practical farmer, thoroughly versed in the best methods of conducting an estate. His education was gleaned in the common schools of Norway township, and here he has continued to make his home, growing up with the country. Since arriving at maturity he has followed agriculture on his own account, owning at the present time 160 acres, and besides cultivating the land, he makes a specialty of breeding blooded swine, giving preference to the Duroc Jersey Red breed. He also has some fine specimens of the Poland-China hog and thoroughbred fowls of various kinds, and the barnyard is a peculiar sight at feeding time.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Anna Thompson occurred at the home of the bride's parents in Norway township, August 26, 1883. Mrs. Larson is, like her husband, a native of Norway, and a daughter of T. A. Thompson, one of the early settlers in this part of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Larson are the parents of six children: Helena, Sarah, Simon, Tilla, Alice and Clara. They hold membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church, of which our subject is secretary, and an active participant in all religious affairs connected therewith. In local matters he is also well known, and has been a member of the town board, as well as the occupant at various times of several of the other township offices. He is now and has been the postmaster at Lincoln since 1893, and in December, 1896, was elected vice president of the Farmers' Mutual Tornado, Hurricane and Cyclone Insurance company, in which he is a director. He was also elected president of the Farmers' Alliance Mutual Insurance company of

Clay county, in January, 1897, and is likewise one of the directors of that company, besides acting as agent of the Atlantic steamship lines.

**J**OHN FARGUSON, deceased, formerly a resident for two years of Virginia township, Union county, was a native of Gillcrooks village, Cumberland county, England, where he passed his minority and grew to manhood. He married Miss Sarah Morrison in the old country, she being a native of the same county in which he was born.

In 1853 Mr. Farguson decided to come to America to seek a home. He first located in Rock Island county, Ill., where he settled on some land which he purchased. The year following he sent for his family and was joined shortly after by his wife and three children. He resided in Rock Island county for five years. In 1859 he started for Pike's Peak in quest of a fortune, but returned after four months and took his family to Grant county, Wis., where they settled and resided till 1865. That year they went to Millersburg, Mercer Co., Ill., where they lived till coming to Dakota, in 1869. Mr. Farguson homesteaded 160 acres of government land in Virginia township, when he arrived in Union county, but only staid two years on this property, going subsequently to York county, Neb., where he died in 1872 aged fifty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Farguson were the parents of five children, one of whom—John—is living in England; Mary Jane, William, Thomas Joseph and Margaret, came to America, and Mrs. Farguson, who has passed her eightieth birthday, is

now living with her son William, whose biography follows:

WILLIAM FARGUSON, a highly respected citizen of Elk Point township, engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, was born in England June 3, 1845, and was eight years old when he arrived in America. He received but a very limited education during his minority, as schools were not generally established and times were hard, but he was frugal and industrious and possessed of a business judgment and acumen that assured him of prosperity. He settled on a homestead in Virginia township, proved up and lived on it till 1882. That year he sold out and purchased 160 acres, where he now lives in a well-appointed house, surrounded by a farm most of which is under cultivation and substantially improved.

Mr. Farguson was married to Miss Sarah Saville, who bore him four children, Sarah Ellen, Mary Tabitha, Maggie Jane and William Morrison. Mrs. Farguson died in 1879, and Mr. Farguson subsequently married Amanda M. Mallory, *nee* Allen, his present wife. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, and take an active interest in religious matters. Politically he votes the Republican ticket.

**J**OEL D. CHAPMAN is successfully pursuing farming on the fertile soil of Dayton township, Lincoln county, and his skill and thorough, practical knowledge of agriculture in all its branches have made him no unimportant factor in preserving the county's prosperity, which he has aided in establishing on a solid foundation since 1871.

The parents of our subject, John and

Hannah Chapman, came from the state of New York and settled in St. Joseph county, Mich., where the former died, his wife passing to the world beyond near the city of Topeka, Kans. Joel was born July 2, 1840, in St. Joseph county, Mich., and was educated in the district schools then in vogue. He assisted his father with the work on the farm until he was almost twenty-two years of age, and then went to Mitchell county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm in connection with his sister. That was in the fall of 1861, and he continued to reside there for some ten years, at the expiration of which time he sold out his interest in the farm and came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. He took up a homestead of 160 acres at that time, which was in the spring of 1871, and started in to break up his land and put in a crop. His original claim is the same farm on which he now resides, and from raw prairie land Mr. Chapman has brought it to a high state of cultivation which has amply and abundantly repaid him for the labor expended on it. The buildings he has erected are of a superior order and reflect credit on the owner.

Our subject's career has been alive honorable to himself and to his township, and he is justly regarded as one of its most desirable citizens. His liberality and public spirit have helped forward many worthy causes that have enhanced the prosperity of his community, and his popularity is attested by the fact that he has been chairman of the town board and township treasurer for eleven years; and in fact in all matters of local interest he has taken an active part.

Among the most important events which are to be recorded in the life of our subject

is his marriage with Miss Caroline A. Gilbert, which was celebrated in Mitchell county, Iowa, March 17, 1866. Mrs. Chapman is a native of Morristown, Vt., and a daughter of J. W. and Betsy (Davis) Gilbert. The latter passed to her last resting place in Dayton township, Lincoln county, at the home of her daughter, but Mr. Gilbert still survives. Addie, an adopted daughter, graces the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman and completes the family circle.

**S**ELL S. SMITH, an intelligent and well-to-do farmer of Middleton township, Turner county, and one of the largest land owners in this section of the county, is a native of the Netherlands, and was born April 1, 1847, on the island of Ter Schelling. He was reared in the land of his birth and educated in the common schools there, after which he took up the life of a sailor. He shipped from Amsterdam in 1861 for his first voyage, and from that time until 1869 visited many of the large cities in various parts of the globe. He completed his last voyage as a seaman January 1, 1869, arriving at his home in Holland that day, and the 8th of the following April he started for America to seek his fortune in the land of the free. On his arrival at New York city, May 2, he started for Stephenson county, Ill., where he hoped to find employment, and after two years in the latter place, he located in Ackley, Hardin Co., Iowa, where he worked on the railroad.

Our subject was wedded August 6, 1871, to Mrs. Neeke Buren, also a native of the

island of Ter Schelling, Holland, born in 1843, and shortly after their marriage the couple took up their domestic life on a farm in Grundy county, Iowa, where they continued to live until 1878. That year Mr. Smith came to Dakota territory in quest of a location, and after looking around a little he decided on settling on the farm which is now a part of his estate, and located in section 21. When he bought the property it was all wild land, with not a furrow turned, and on this he built a small house, without plaster, into which house he moved his family, and then started in to improve the place, and get the ground under cultivation. Mr. Smith used every opportunity whereby he might add to his capital, and by dint of hard work and wise economy, gathered together sufficient means to add to his property occasional purchases until now his estate aggregates 1,720 acres, all improved land, and 1,350 acres are under tillage. He devotes himself to general farming—raising grain and live stock, handling good grades of the latter and reaping rich harvests from his broad and fertile fields. As an enterprising and progressive farmer, who is making a success of his business by close application, industry, thrift and the exercise of sound business principles, Mr. Smith is second to none, and he is highly respected and esteemed by his many friends, acquaintances and fellow townspeople for his excellent habits, kind nature and the sound judgment he exhibits as a citizen of prominence of the community wherein he resides.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of five children of whom we note the following: Nellie; Frank, who married Miss Minnie Frieling, lives at Davis; Sell S., Jr., Ida and

Ella. Mrs. Smith prior to her marriage to our subject had two children by her former husband, and they are known by the given names of Cornelius and Rinder; the former married Miss Allie Smith and lives in this township. All the children have been given excellent advantages for obtaining good educations by their indulgent parents and are members of the Reformed church, in the building of which Mr. Smith was one of the moving spirits. He has been treasurer of his school district and is the present clerk of same, having served in this capacity for some time. He has also held the position of treasurer of Middleton township, and takes much active interest in all local affairs. Politically he has always been a Democrat and frequently has served as delegate from his district to the various conventions of the party. Take him all in all he is one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the community wherein he resides, and it is with pleasure that we are able to present this brief outline of his life to the readers of the Record.

**H**ON. AMUND HANSON, a representative Dakotan agriculturist, who is the fortunate possessor of a fine farm situated on section 14 of Norway township, Clay county, was born in Norway October 18, 1827. He was raised in the land of his birth on a farm and educated in the common schools, and served five years of his early manhood in the Norwegian army as bugler and drummer. In 1856 he left his native country for America, and on arrival went direct to Winneshiek county, Iowa. There he remained for a period of four years, and then came to Da-

kota territory, but before he had decided on a permanent location the first gun of the great Civil war was fired, and our subject, being in thorough sympathy with the northern cause, became a soldier in company A, Dakota cavalry, Capt. Miner's company, and afterward joined Brackett's battalion to fight Indians. He served in and around Dakota against the hostile red men for three years and three months, at the expiration of which time he was honorably discharged and mustered out.

After the close of hostilities Mr. Hanson returned to Clay county and entered a claim in what is now Norway township, and this property has ever since been his home. His present estate consists of 180 acres of as fine land as is to be found in the township, and it is adorned by farm buildings of a substantial order, fences always kept in neat repair, and various other improvements.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Julia Olson was celebrated in Norway township November 13, 1870. Mrs. Hanson was born in Norway, and came to America with her parents when but three years of age. Her father, the late Elling Olson, was formerly a prominent citizen of Clay county. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson are the parents of seven children, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Henry, Richard L., Nels M., Anna E., Elizabeth, Amanda E. and Carl O.

Mr. Hanson has held various of the township offices and served two terms in the territorial legislature, as well as taking an active part in all local affairs. Religiously he belongs to the Norwegian Lutheran church, he having been one of the moving spirits in its organization.

**L**eonard Taggart, a highly-respected and successful farmer, living in Elk Point township, Union county, was born in Hooksett, N. H., October 26, 1816. There he spent his childhood days, grew to manhood and lived till 1852. He first settled in Cass county, Mich., when he came west and resided there for a period of ten or eleven years. He came to Union county in September, 1866, settling in section 2, Elk Point township, making the trip across the country by horse teams from Michigan. He entered a homestead of 160 acres on arrival, erected a frame dwelling, moved in his family and set to work breaking ground and improving his farm where he now resides.

The subject of this sketch came to Dakota territory with his wife—Nancy J.—and six daughters, viz.: Rosina, Betsy, Jane, Fidelia, Ella M. and Eunice, all of whom are still spared to this world and reside in the vicinity of their father's homestead. Altogether Mr. Taggart and wife are the parents of eleven children, six of whom are living. Mrs. Taggart was born in 1820 in New Hampshire, and died September 17, 1893, aged seventy-four years.

Mr. Taggart has voted on the Democratic side of all questions for fifty years, but he is at present independent in politics. He is a remarkably well-preserved man for his age, and is held in universal esteem for his many excellent qualities.

**H**on. Edward Moscrip, a prominent farmer of LaValley township, is one of the most popular and influential citizens of the part of Lincoln county where he located.



He has mingled much in public life and is well-known as a progressive, public-spirited and well-informed citizen, thoughtful and generous with those who hold opinions varying from his own, but steadfast to any principle which his judgment after careful consideration has decided on as right. He has been identified with the affairs of the county since his arrival there in 1873, when he located on the claim on section 2 of La-Valley township, where he now lives. As was the usual thing in those days, a sod shanty which he erected afforded shelter for himself and family, while he, with a fund of energy sufficient for two men and a good capacity for labor, worked steadily on the improvement of his future home. His success, taking into consideration the fact that he was a poor man when he arrived in Dakota territory, has been remarkable, and he now tills a farm of 240 acres of as fine land as there is to be found in the vicinity, personally superintending all the details of its cultivation.

Mr. Moscrip was born in Delaware county, N. Y., in 1839, being the youngest child of a family of six children born to Thomas Moscrip and wife, the latter being a Miss Reynolds and a native of this country. Thomas Moscrip was a Scotchman and emigrated to America during his early life. The other children were: Sarah, who married Wm. Skutt and remained in New York; Robert, now a resident of Luzerne county, Penn.; Andrew, of Delaware county, N. Y.; William, a soldier in the late war, was killed in the battle of Petersburg; and Daniel H., who now lives in St. Paul, Minn. Edward was early deprived of a mother's care, she dying when he was but an infant. He grew up to manhood in his native place

and then after leaving the Empire state, located at Oshkosh, Wis. While he was living here the war broke out and he enlisted in company E, Second Wisconsin regiment, infantry, famous in the history of that great strife as a participant in thirty hard-fought battles and known familiarly as the "Old Iron Brigade." Our subject followed the ups and downs of active army life with his regiment and took part in all the engagements in which the company fought up to and including the battle of Spottsylvania, where it was thought at the time he was seriously if not fatally wounded. As a result he was confined in a hospital at Portsmouth Grove, R. I., for over a year, and finally recovered. Mr. Moscrip received an honorable discharge in 1866 and immediately returned to Wisconsin, where he followed lumbering in the woods of that state. In 1869 he led to the altar of matrimony the lady who has ever since shared his joys and sorrows. Her maiden name was Margaret Gilmore and she was a resident of Winnebago county, Ill., at the time of her marriage to our subject. They are the parents of three children as follows: Annie, the wife of Joseph Shebal; Elva, who is now Mrs. Charles Davy; and William, at home.

As a mark of honor and attesting to high esteem in which the gentleman of whom these lines are written is held by his fellow men, it is but necessary for us to state that he has been elected to the state legislature serving one term, and besides being a prominent man of his township also takes an active part in all public affairs of the county and the community at large. He affiliates with the Republican party, for the candidates of which he has voted ever since he attained his majority, and socially he is a







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member of the G. A. R. and Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Canton chapter of the last named order.

**H**ON. F. W. DOWNING. A well-known, popular and progressive citizen of Monroe township, Turner county, is the gentleman whose name introduces this short sketch and whose portrait appears on another page of this volume. He is a native of Rensselaer county, N. Y., and a son of H. J. and Alzina (Fuller) Downing, both of whom were born and reared in the Empire state, the former of Scotch-Irish descent and the latter of French and English parentage. The father was a carpenter by trade and engaged quite extensively in the contracting and building business on Long Island. Ten children were born to this couple, seven of whom grew to man and womanhood, and our subject was fifth in order of their birth.

The natal day of F. W. Downing was February 5, 1849, and until he was fourteen years of age he continued to reside in his native county, attending the district schools. He later became a student in the academy of Tioga county, Pa. and in 1863 came west with his mother to Racine county, Wis., where he enlisted as a private in company C, Forty-eighth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, the year following. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and as such served until the close of hostilities. He carried the stars and stripes six months, was wounded in the hand during a skirmish in which he participated in Missouri, and March 29, 1866, was honorably discharged at Madison, Wis. After peace was restored between the North and South our subject took

up the carpenter trade, at which he served an apprenticeship and followed as a means of livelihood the following fourteen years, spending about a year and a half of that time in Chicago. He made his headquarters and home in Racine, however, and in 1879 came direct from there to Turner county, Dakota Ter., filing at that time the quarter section on which he now lives as a homestead. He took up his residence on the claim immediately and began improving the property, working at intervals the first two years for the C., M. & St. P. railroad erecting wind mills, towers and water tanks, and devoting his spare time to breaking up the land and getting it under cultivation. He at present rents his farm.

The marriage of our subject and Loretta Roach, who is a native of Ohio, and came to Dakota territory when thirteen years old, was celebrated September 28, 1880, and to this union has come a family of eight children, viz.: Daisy, Josie, Edna, Florence, Harrison, Hazel, Myrtle, and baby, who has attained the mature age at this writing of five months. Mr. Downing is a straight Republican and one of the staunchest defenders of the policy of his party, of which he became the candidate for representative in the legislature for Turner county in the fall of 1896. His popularity as a citizen manifested itself in the handsome majority by which he was elected, it being 669 in the county. He carried his own precinct, which is usually Democratic, by thirty-six majority. It was the first Republican majority ever given a candidate in this precinct and a demonstration that his worth and standing is appreciated by his neighbors and friends where he is best known. Socially he is a member of the Marion lodge No. 22, I. O. O. F.

DALLAS J. MILKS is honored by the citizens of Middleton township, Turner county, as one of the most successful farmers of the community, for his record as a volunteer in the late war, and for his standing as a man and a citizen. He was born September 1, 1844, in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and is a son of Job and Anna (Ingraham) Milks, both natives of the Empire state. They located in McHenry county, Ill., in 1854, and two years later in Allamakee county, Iowa, where Mr. Milks was overtaken by the hand of death in 1863. Mrs. Milks survived several years, her death occurring in this township while living with our subject. They were both members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the parents of thirteen children, seven of whom are still spared to this world.

Dallas J. Milks passed his early life in New York, Illinois, and Iowa, and in the latter state grew to a vigorous manhood, receiving also, in the Hawkeye state, such education as was afforded by the district schools which he attended. When the Civil war broke out he watched its course with that patriotic spirit born in the body of every true American, and, although he offered his services twice his application was refused on account of a crippled hand. October 20, 1864, however, he was finally accepted and enlisted at that time in company F, Sixth Iowa regiment, cavalry, joining the company and being enrolled as a private at Fort Thompson, now Chamberlain, S. Dak. During the remaining period of the war he was engaged with his comrades building forts, scouting and carrying dispatches, and guarding hostile Indians, and was honorably discharged and mustered out at Sioux City,

Iowa, October 17, 1865. Mr. Milks had five brothers in the war of whom we note the following: Jonathan Benjamin lives in New York; Nelson Prosser, a member of the Twenty-seventh Iowa regiment, died at Memphis, Tenn.; David Franklin belonged to the Fifteenth Illinois regiment and died in the state of Kansas; Humphrey Washington, also a member of the Fifteenth Illinois regiment, died in South Dakota; and James Hartman, who served in the Sixth Iowa cavalry, now resides in Kingsbury county, S. Dak.

After the close of the war Mr. Milks returned to Iowa, remained with his mother two years, and then had the good fortune to win for his life companion one of the best of wives from whom he has ever since received encouragement and cheerful help. Mrs. Milks was in her girlhood Mary Jane Halleck, and is a native of Williams county, Ohio. Her parents, W. H. and Christina (Byers) Halleck, were early settlers of the Buckeye state, where Mrs. Halleck died in 1853 the mother of eight children, four of whom, including Mrs. Milks, still survive. Mr. Halleck subsequently married again, by which union he became the parent of nine children, all living, and in 1889 he also passed from time to eternity. One son, Homer F., served in a Minnesota regiment during the war, and now lives in the soldiers' home at Minneapolis. Mrs. Milks was born October 30, 1847, and after her marriage with our subject, which ceremony was performed October 20, 1867, the young couple took up their domestic life in Chickasaw county, Iowa, where Mr. Milks purchased eighty acres of land, partly improved. This property he operated for two years then spent one season in Allamakee

county of the same state, and in the fall of 1870 made his appearance in Dakota territory. He stopped first at Elk Point, where he stayed until May, 1871, and then came to Turner county and located on the southeast quarter of section 29. He had previously decided on homesteading in section 5 of the same township, but Mrs. Milks discovered some moccasin imprints in the soft soil of her garden one morning, and as it was deemed best not to be too near the redskins who were numerous thereabouts at that time, Mr. Milks being away from the house most of the day, the claim in section 29 was entered as the best one to be had then. This farm, too, was situated, in a place then but little better than a wilderness, they being among the very first settlers in the neighborhood, and to add to their discomfort wolves and other wild animals made the night hideous with their yells, and the grasshoppers paid homage to the crops by completely destroying them. Mr. Milks after paying all expenses had nothing left but two yoke of oxen, a wagon, cook stove, bed and some benches to sit upon, and with this outfit they took up their residence on the farm on which they lived until 1876, and then, after working one winter at Hardscrabble, in Union county, removed to Harrison county, Iowa. In the fall of 1877 he came back to Turner county and settled on the farm which constitutes his present estate of 240 acres, and there he has lived ever since. All the improvements he has made himself, and the substantial and well arranged order of the outbuildings bespeak his thorough understanding of his business. He is exclusively a farmer.

In politics Mr. Milks affiliates with the Republican party, and though he helped or-

ganize the township and locally takes an active interest in public affairs, he has never been an aspirant for office. He commemorates his service in the army by membership in the G. A. R. post at Hurley.

**H**ON. LEWIS LARSON is a wealthy, influential, and progressive citizen of Norway township, Clay county, where he is engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. He is a native of Norway, and was born March 22, 1839. When five years of age his parents removed to the United States and settled in Dane county, Wis., and there our subject grew to be twenty years of age. His father, Bottolf Larson, died in Clay county in 1861, he having emigrated hither in the fall of 1859, and our subject's mother, Ingeborg Larson, died at her son's residence in Norway township on her seventy-third birthday.

Lewis Larson has been a resident of Norway township since 1863, at which time he settled on the farm whereon he now lives. The estate consists of 466 acres. Under his skillful management it has become highly productive and its improvements are of a high order. He is a shrewd man of business, is endowed with practical judgment and with many fine traits of character which go to make one of the most reliable and trustworthy citizens of the township.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Emma Iverson was celebrated in Norway township January 4, 1865. Mrs. Larson was, like her husband, born in Norway April 12, 1838, and to their union have come eight children, seven of whom are living, viz.: Isabel, the wife of Michael Odland;

Edwin, William, Lena, Ella, Anna Louisa, and Eda C. Benjamin died in June, 1890, at the age of twenty-four years.

Mr. Larson has held some of the township offices, and the latter part of the '60s was elected to the territorial legislature, serving one term. He has also taken quite an active part in religious matters, and with his wife holds membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church.

**G**OBIAS CLEMENTSON. One of the prominent and enterprising farmers of Union county, whose beautiful and commodious home and tastefully kept grounds are in Brule township, is the subject of this article. He first saw the light in Norway in 1841, was reared on a farm in that country, and in the common schools of his native land acquired a fair education. In 1861 he came to America with his brother John, landing at Quebec, but locating in Minnesota, where he found employment in Goodhue county working on farms till 1865, at which time he settled where he now resides, entering 160 acres of government land. Upon settling on his claim he, like a good many other pioneers, built a log cabin with a sod roof. In filing his claim, however, he made an error which resulted in his being unable to prove up when the time came, and he was compelled to buy his claim, paying \$200 therefor. After getting a start in Union county he spent several years working on the Milwaukee railroad, which was being extended into what then was considered a wilderness, and the men often remarked how foolish it seemed to build a road at that time into a country so poor in

appearance. Some of his time was also employed in a brick yard in Sioux City, after which he bought a team of oxen and started in to improve his land. He now owns 100 acres of well improved property.

Mr. Clementson was married in 1872 to Miss Ollie Bergham, and they are the parents of two children, viz.: Carl and Betsey. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, Mr. Clementson having held various official capacities in same. Politically he is a believer in Republican doctrines, and supports that party's principles with his vote.

**L**EWIS A. IVERSON. Prominent among the tillers of the soil of Norway township, Clay county, and one of its large land owners, is the gentleman whose name introduces these few brief paragraphs. He is a native of Dane county, Wis., and a son of the late Aslak Iverson, who was born in Norway and lived there until early in the '50s, at which time he emigrated to America and settled in the Badger state. He located in Vermillion township, Clay county, in 1859, lived there three years, and then settled permanently in Norway township, where his death occurred December 4, 1889, at the age of sixty-two years. The mother of our subject was Betsey Larson, also a native of Norway; she still survives, as do also the two children born to herself and husband, viz.: Lewis A. and Jacob G. Iver A., a son of Mr. Iverson by a former marriage, now lives in this township.

Lewis A. Iverson first opened his eyes to the light of day September 13, 1858. He was but a babe when his parents removed

to Clay county, and, therefore, practically the whole of his life has been spent here. Such education as was afforded by the common schools he mastered during the winter months, and in the summer assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm. March 15, 1880, he took the most important step in his career, the event being his marriage in Gayville, Yankton county, to Miss Mary Olson, a daughter of Ole Tollefson. Mrs. Iverson was born in Manitowoc county, Wis., and to herself and husband have come nine living children, viz.: Adolph, Barthol, Louisa, Martin, Fred, Bertha, Lewis C., George and Clarence. One child died in infancy.

Mr. Iverson is conducting his farming operations on 500 acres of land, on which he has erected good, substantial buildings, including a nice, comfortable dwelling. In local affairs he has taken quite an active interest, has held various of the township offices, and with everything pertaining to the welfare of the community in general, he has been closely identified. Socially, he belongs to the M. W. of A., and religiously, holds membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church, to which denomination his wife also belongs.

**J**AMES BAIRD, a prominent citizen of Marion township, and one of the men whom the country loves to honor as an old soldier, is a native of the land of heather, born in Glasgow in 1824. He passed his boyhood days and grew to maturity in Scotland, learning the trade of iron moulder as a means of livelihood, and came to America when about thirty years of age. He first located at

Newark, where he was working at his trade when the Civil war broke out, and on the first call of the nation's executive for 75,000 men, he was one of the first to offer his services in upholding the national honor. He became a member of company K, First Virginia regiment, infantry, Capt. Geo. W. Robinson commanding, and served for three months, re-enlisting the following September in company A, of the same regiment for three years service. In the battle of Winchester he was wounded in the head, but Mr. Baird says, "I had the satisfaction of killing four men before I myself was shot." The next engagement in which he participated was the battle of Port Republic, then Middletown, Antietam, Cedar Mountain, and the second battle of Bull Run, in which he was wounded in the arm and taken prisoner by the rebels. He was incarcerated first in Libby prison, and then transferred to Belle island, and after six months in captivity he was paroled and rejoined his regiment, and remained constantly on duty until mustered out and honorably discharged in 1864.

After the war our subject returned north and secured employment at his trade in the iron works at Pittsburg, where he remained for twenty years and then came west. He first located in Blue Earth county, Minn., and then left there for Turner county, Dak. Ter., taking 160 acres of land on section 24 of Marion township, whereon he now resides. He has applied himself industriously to clearing up and improving his homestead, and is the oldest resident of the county who has continuously made his home here. Many improvements in the shape of substantial buildings for the economical management of his estate have been erected, and the farm is one of the best in the vicin-

ity. For his brave and efficient service as a soldier he is remembered by the government with a good pension, and politically he has been a Republican for forty years, now being a McKinley man and in favor of sound money.

Mr. Baird was married in Newark to Miss Mary Curre, and by this union three children were born, only one of whom is yet living—Ugen. Mrs. Baird died in New Jersey, and our subject has never remarried.

**T**ILLMAN MAUSBACH. It needs but a glance at the various estates which make up the greater part of the territory of Lincoln county to determine in a large degree the character of the occupants. Poor and inadequate buildings, tumbled-down fences, and fields in which the weeds struggle for the mastery with thin crops afford conclusive evidence of the shiftlessness of the manager, while neat fences, carefully-tilled fields and well-kept buildings afford equally conclusive proof that he is characterized by thrift, energy and determination.

The gentleman whose life will be briefly sketched below is an honor to the agricultural community of Lincoln county, where he owns a fine tract of land and has a pleasant home. He was born near the city of Koln, Germany, among the vine-clad hills which mark the course of the river Rhine, in 1849, and was but two and a half years of age when his parents emigrated to America. They located at Madison, Wis., where the father pursued his trade of carpenter and reared his family, which consisted of our subject, who was the eldest and only son; Sophia, who married August Haak and

still resides in Madison; Kate, who married A. S. Brown, also of Madison, and a leading and prominent man there; Agnes, the wife of W. J. Heim, of Baraboo, Wis.; and Mary, deceased, who married John Boehmer, of Madison, by whom she was the parent of three children, only one of whom still survives; Elizabeth; and Celia, the wife of Mike Wald, of Madison, Wis. Tillman Mausbach grew to maturity in Wisconsin, learning the trade of blacksmith at Madison, and while a resident of that city in 1870 was united in marriage to Miss Annie M. Byers. This lady is a daughter of George A. Byers, who emigrated to America with his family and settled at Blue Mounds, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Mausbach arrived in Lincoln county November 3, 1871, crossing the river from Beloit, Iowa, at four o'clock on the afternoon of that day. The first winter they spent near Canton, and in the spring of 1872 located on their present homestead, in section 3 of Lynn township. Mr. Mausbach first built a sod house of one room, in which he took up with his wife the battle for existence in the then comparatively new country. By the fall of 1872 he had completed a two-room sod shanty, and in this they lived until 1876, when the house and all its contents were burned to the ground. They suffered, as did many other pioneers, many hardships and privations; in fact during the first winter of their residence in Dakota Mr. Mausbach was caught in a blizzard in the timber with Mr. Charles W. Voges and Thomas Corrigan, but they succeeded in getting to a dugout, where they remained until the storm had spent its fury. Mrs. Mausbach was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Voges,



during this time. The grasshoppers, too, visited Mr. Mausbach's crops and left his land desolate for several seasons in succession. However, he ultimately prospered, and is now the proud possessor of a fine farm of 320 acres of well-improved land located in Lynn township, on which is situated a comfortably arranged and substantially built residence, the home of himself and estimable wife and their younger children. Mr. and Mrs. Mausbach are the parents of four sons and four daughters, and their names in the order of their birth follow: Agnes A., now the wife of John W. Dickens of Lincoln county; Susie A.; George J.; William C.; Frederick T.; D. Elizabeth; Minnie E., and Frank E., all of whom have been given the advantage of liberal educations by their indulgent parents, Mr. Mausbach being an active and earnest worker in the cause of education of the rising generation of the community wherein he resides. He has always voted as his judgment deemed best, regardless of party ties or affiliations, and has used his influence in supporting the best man for the office. Socially he belongs to the M. W. A., and his wife is an active worker in the cause of temperance, being a member of the W. C. T. U.

**O**RANGE STILL, one of Turner county's early settlers and a well-known citizen of Parker township, in section 2 of which he has a very fine farm, is a Canadian by birth, and was born in the province of Ontario, January 8, 1828. His father, John Still, was a native of Vermont, where he was reared and grew

to maturity, removing with his parents, when twenty-five years of age, to Canada. There he married our subject's mother, Miss Elmira Marsh, who was born in New Brunswick. They resided in New Brunswick until 1833, and then removed to Lockport, New York state. He was a carpenter by trade, which occupation he followed continually. He died in Canada when comparatively a young man, being only forty-five years of age. Mrs. Still was but forty years old when her death occurred. They were the parents of five children, all of whom grew to man and womanhood. Two besides the subject of this sketch are yet living, viz.: John W., and Elmira, now the wife of E. Groat, both of whom make their homes in Iowa.

Orange Still was the second child, and was five years of age when his parents left Canada for Lockport, N. Y. In the latter place he was reared until ten years old, when he returned with his mother and father to Canada. He commenced working at the carpenter trade when thirteen years old, and at the age of eighteen came to the "states" and located in Lexington, Mich., where he engaged in the contracting business for himself. He erected many of the buildings in and near Lexington, and remained there four years, when he started for California by water via Cape Horn. He took passage on a sailing vessel and was five months and a half in making the journey. When he landed in San Francisco he took up his trade which was carried on in connection with mining and prospecting. After three years of residence on the Pacific coast he returned by way of China and the Cape of Good Hope to New York on a sailing vessel. This trip consumed almost a year, and seven

months of the voyage was spent on water. From New York city he went to Dane county, Wis., and thence to Clinton county, Iowa. In the latter county he remained until 1862, and then bought a farm in Woodford county, Ill., which he conducted in connection with the carpenter business until 1867. That year he sold out his farm interests in Woodford county and removed to Greene county, Iowa, where he worked at his trade and incidentally did a little farming until he came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., in 1873. He located on a half section of land in Parker township, the same on which he now lives, and was one of the pioneers of that region. The following spring he brought his family to the new location where they lived in a 12 x 12 foot tent until he could build a house. He hauled the lumber for his dwelling from Sibley, Iowa, a distance of eighty miles, and paid eighty cents per bushel for oats with which to feed his horses on the journey. At the time of the location of the town of Parker he bought two lots and erected what is now known as the Parker Hotel, which he conducted for three years. At the expiration of this time, on account of his wife's ill health, he sold out the hotel, and retired to the farm.

Mr. Still was united in wedlock October 10, 1857, to Ruth Bovard, the widow of Evan Dunning. She was born in Canada where she was reared until ten years of age when her parents removed to Clinton county, Iowa. They were the parents of seven children, viz.: Martha, deceased; Ellsworth, Alfred, Jay R., George H., William O. and Jesse, all of whom with the exception of Jay R., who resides in Moody county, S. Dak., make their homes in Parker township.

Jesse, who married Miss Eva Vandewater, resides with his father on the homestead.

Politically Mr. Still is a Republican and has been since Gen. Fremont was a candidate for presidential honors. He is now a justice of the peace, which capacity he has served in for several years, being one of the first justices of Turner county. He has also held the position of school director many times. Religiously he is a Baptist and attends the church of that denomination in Parker in which he acted as deacon for many years.

**J**OHN GERBER, a native of Switzerland and a thorough-going, well-educated and industrious farmer and stock-raiser located on section 3 of Grant township, Lincoln county, was born in 1853. He grew to manhood in the wild and picturesque country of his birth and was married there in 1872 to Miss Mary Brugger. In Switzerland Mr. and Mrs. Gerber continued to make their home until 1880, when they left the land of their forefathers for America, coming direct to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., where some of our subject's uncles had previously located. Mr. Gerber purchased a half section of land at that time, which he has improved and brought to a high state of tillage. The county was comparatively new at that time, and although not one of the earliest settlers, he has had the opportunity of witnessing the locality develop from comparative newness to a well cultivated and comfortably populated county. All the buildings, etc., on his land which are of a good, substantial order, have been erected by him, and besides he has a good

sized orchard of small fruit trees. In connection with farming he is also quite extensively engaged in raising cattle and horses, in which he has been eminently successful, constantly striving to improve the breed and quality of his stock. He received a liberal education in his native land and his early training has borne fruit which is to be seen in the methodical and well-balanced management of his affairs. He is a Republican politically.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerber are both members of the German Reformed church at Lennox and are the parents of six children, viz.: Lizzie, wife of J. S. Troyer, of Lennox; John, Mary and Gottfried, and two sons, deceased. Otto died when about eleven years old and Willie at the age of five months.

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**B**OTTOLF BOTTOLFSON. This young gentleman is now operating a farm of 320 acres in section 35 of Meckling township, Clay county, and carrying on one of the most extensive enterprises in the township. The farm is as good a one as is to be found in the county, and it is supplied with large substantial farm buildings of various kinds, and the other improvements which stamp it as the home of a prosperous and progressive man.

Our subject is the eldest son and second child of the late Judge Ole Bottolfson, who was born in Norway in 1828. On coming to America he settled first in Dane county, Wis., then in Winneshiek county, Iowa, spent one year in Dixon county, Neb., and in 1859 came to Vermillion township, Clay Co., S. Dak., where he settled on a farm. Later he removed to Norway township of

the same county and here he was living at the time of his death, which occurred January 13, 1874. He served for seven years as probate judge of Clay county and was also at one time county treasurer. The mother of our subject, Bryttiva Bottolfson, survives and has remarried; she is now the wife of Ole I. Hanson.

Bottolf Bottolfson was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, July 5, 1857, but he was reared in Clay county, Dak. Ter., where he has since lived with the exception of twelve of the more mature years of his life, two of which were spent in Montana and the remainder in the Black Hills. In this latter section of the state he followed mining principally but also engaged a short time in freighting, at which he was eminently successful. Since 1892, however, Mr. Bottolfson has given his entire attention to the management and cultivation of his farm of 320 acres in section 35 of Meckling township, which, under his direction, is made to produce abundant crops.

The marriage of our subject to Miss Bertha Olson, a daughter of Ole Olson, of Meckling township, occurred at the home of the bride's parents June 19, 1890. They are living in a nice comfortable home on his farm, enjoying all the happiness of a mutually agreeable domestic life. They are devout Christians and hold membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church, and Mr. Bottolfson socially belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is well-known for the active interest he has taken in all local affairs, and has held various of the township offices within the gift of the people, such as a member of the town board, of which body he was chairman for two years, and also as assessor.

**J**OSEPH A. WARNER. This gentleman is the proprietor of one of the broad and fertile farms with which the township of Eden abounds, and is a well-known and highly-respected member of the farming community.

The father and mother of our subject, John and Elizabeth (Frank) Warner, were both natives of Germany, and after emigration to this country from the fatherland, settled first in New York state, then in Green county, Wis., and latter in Rock county, of the same state, they being among the early settlers of the later place, where they conducted a farm. Mr. Warner started across the plains to California, and was killed on the way by the Indians, and his good wife died in Nebraska. Five sons of the family born to this couple served in the Civil war.

Joseph A. Warner, of whom these few brief paragraphs are written, was born in Rensselaer county, N. Y., February 13, 1838, and was raised on the frontier in Wisconsin. At an early age he started out to work for himself, and while employed thus the great Civil war broke out. He was among the first to offer his services to the government, enlisting in the spring of 1861, in company E, Fifth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, as a private. The regiment was first ordered to Washington, D. C., where it was mustered into the United States service under Gen. McClellan, and our subject's first taste of army life was in the Peninsula campaign. Just before the battle of Yorktown he was taken sick, and after recovering rejoined his regiment and went to Alexandria, participating in the engagement at Antietam and also at the battle of Gettysburg. In the battle of the Wilderness he

also took part, and then in the engagement at Cold Harbor, where he was severely wounded in the eyes, etc., by splinters from a ball striking a log house. As the result of these wounds he was confined to the hospital at Alexandria, and was then transferred to Philadelphia, where he was discharged and sent home after the expiration of his term of service.

Upon his return to Rock county, Wis., he immediately took up farming there, and this occupation he continued until 1871, when he came to Lincoln county and settled on his present farm in section 21 of Eden township. He was one of the pioneers of that part of the county, and has continued to live there ever since, though he suffered many hardships in the prosecution of his labor. His landed possessions now aggregate 320 acres, 160 constituting the home farm and the balance lying in another part of the same township. He does a general farming business, and during his entire career in Dakota has paid his attention exclusively to agriculture. He is a director in the school board of his district, and is also a justice of the peace of his township, having served in that capacity for many years. Politically he affiliates with the Populist party.

Mr. Warner was married January 1, 1868, to Miss Alice Thompson, a native of Rock county, Wis., and a daughter of L. D. Thompson, a pioneer of that county, now deceased. To this couple came four children, all of whom are living, viz.: Lu-rene, Racine, Arthur and Loren. After a happy married life of nearly twenty-eight years, the wife and mother was stricken down by the hand of death, November 20, 1895, mourned not only by the immediate

family circle, but by her host of friends, who had known her in life as a woman of true principle and character. She died strong in the faith of the Congregational church.

**D**ANIEL MULHAIR, one of the prominent farmers and old settlers in Turner county, is a native of Dane county, Wis., and was born January 14, 1854. His father and mother, Daniel and Ann (Callan) Mulhair, were both natives of Ireland. The former left the Emerald Isle and came to America when but eight years of age and went to a farm in Dane county, Wis., where he continued to reside until his death which occurred in his ninetyeth year. Mrs. Mulhair has been a resident of America since she was seven years old and passed her girlhood in New York, coming with her parents in a wagon to Wisconsin. She is still living and resides at Lynch, Neb. They were the parents of a family of seventeen children, ten of whom grew to maturity and seven still living. There was but one daughter in the family.

Daniel was the fourth child in the order of their birth and was reared to maturity in his native county. The district schools furnished him an education and he assisted in conducting the farm until he was twenty-two years of age, when he removed to Dodge county, Minn., to work on a farm by the month. He remained in Minnesota about three years and then started on foot to Dakota. He located in what is now Turner county, S. Dak., where he filed on 160 acres in section 17 of Parker township. He went back the same year to Minnesota where he purchased two yoke of cattle and

returned with them to his farm. He lived on the homestead for four years and then returned to Wisconsin where he was married May 17, 1883, to Miss Mary Phalen, a native of Connecticut but reared in Wisconsin. He brought his wife to his farm and they have continued to reside there ever since. He has made many improvements on his property, which adjoins the city limits of Parker. All his farm he broke himself and has probably at one time and another broke over two quarter sections of land in Turner county, eighty of which are now known as the Hurley nursery and located two miles south of that point. Besides his farm property he also owns a timber claim of 160 acres on section 1 of Marion township which makes his present holding 360 acres, 200 acres of which are in Parker township. He had nothing in the shape of cash assets when he came to the county, but he possessed an unlimited fund of energy, thrift and economy, which, combined with sound and mature judgment, has won for him what he has. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulhair are the parents of five children, viz.: William, Charles, Edward, Mary and Agnes, all born in Turner county.

**G**S. MILLETT is the owner and occupant of a tract of land in section 8 of Eden township, Lincoln county, which affords him a comfortable maintenance. It consists of 160 acres, on which he has made good improvements, among them the various buildings which befit the homes of people of good taste and a desire to enjoy life. Every-

where upon the estate one can see the impress of the character of the owner, and the observer will readily conclude that the operator of the land was bred to farm work and has paid much attention to that line of business.

Our subject is of English descent, his father, William Millett, being a native of the British Isles, who, on his emigration to America, settled in Wilmington, Del., where G. S. was born, October 12, 1843. Mr. Millett, Sr., removed with his family to Chester county, Pa., about 1850, where he carried on his business of shoemaker, and when our subject was ten years of age he removed to Cedar county, Iowa, and there established a permanent home. G. S. Millett grew to manhood in the latter place, receiving his full quota of book learning in the common schools as taught in those days; but his real, practical education, which has been such a potent factor in his success, was acquired by careful observation of the things going on around him. He remained at home until he had attained his majority, and then began the battle of life for himself, starting out as a builder of patent fences. At this he was fairly successful, and in the fall of 1869 he came to Elk Point, Dak. Ter., and engaged in the buying and shipping of prairie chickens, which abounded in the territory at that time. He shipped many carloads to New York and Boston, but it was not until the winter of 1874 and '75 that he decided to try his luck on a consignment to foreign ports. That winter, however, he got together five carloads, and started with them to England, where, in London and Liverpool, he disposed of the consignment, to his entire satisfaction. Mr. Millett was also in partnership in a large

boot and shoe business at Sioux City, Iowa, for about six years.

In the spring of 1878 our subject located permanently on his farm in Eden township, and here he has continued to make his home, devoting his entire attention since then to the cultivation and management of his estate. The farm was wholly unimproved when he settled on it, and for the first few years he made his residence in a sod-house, like many of the other early settlers. He experienced the various hardships incident to the development of a new country, but the present condition of his farm of 160 acres shows that he was not discouraged and kept pushing steadily onward and upward. He does a general farming business on his property, on which he has also planted an orchard of fifty trees, all of which are now bearing.

The wedding of Mr. Millett and Miss Caroline Phelps, a native of Cedar county, Iowa, occurred in May, 1875, and to this couple have been born five children, viz.: James, Carrie, George, Albert, Sadie and Clarence. The children are all having their mental and moral educations carefully looked after, and Miss Carrie has taught four terms of school and is now a student at the State Normal school.

Mr. Millett politically has been a Republican, but is now an advocate of free silver. He has been active in local affairs of interest, having been a member of the school board for sixteen years continuously, and he has also held various of the township offices. He is at present chairman of the town board, has served as county commissioner, and in 1882 was elected judge of probate for Lincoln county, which position he held for two years. He has frequently

been a delegate to the different conventions of his party, and in the fall of 1896 was a candidate for auditor of Lincoln county on the free-silver ticket.

**A**NDREW JACKSON. One of the most attractive farms in Bethel township, Clay county, is that owned and operated by the gentleman above named. It consists of the whole of section 33, all under excellent improvement and carefully managed, and the property is embellished by many buildings of convenient arrangement and pleasing design.

The father of our subject, Robert Jackson, was a farmer by occupation, and spent his last days in Washington county, Minn., where he died early in the '90s. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Miss Cordelia Sharp, preceded him to the world beyond, her death having occurred at our subject's residence in Bethel township in 1884. Of the four children born to this couple, Andrew was the second, and first opened his eyes to the light of day near St. Paul, Minn., November 16, 1855. He received during his boyhood a good, common-school education, and assisted when needed in the labor of the farm. He came to Clay county when but ten years of age, and as he has lived here ever since he has been a witness of much of the growth of the county; in fact, he has aided in its development and has watched its upbuilding and advancement year by year until it occupies a foremost place in one of the great commonwealths of the nation. General farming has been his chief occupation, though he has also engaged in stock raising to a considerable ex-

tent, and now has on his farm something over 300 head of cattle. He is one of the largest shippers in South Dakota and sends his stock to Chicago and various other points. He makes use of 640 acres in the prosecution of his calling.

At Yankton, May 24, 1880, a ceremony was performed which united the destinies of Mr. Jackson and Miss Delia Tennant, a native of Ohio, and to this worthy couple three children have been born, named as follows: James, Orla and Hazel. They have a cozy home, and as Mrs. Jackson is a capable housewife the family enjoy all the comforts which a neat, well-ordered household imparts to its occupants.

**J**H. McVAY. The agricultural and stock dealing interests of Eden township, Lincoln county, find an excellent representative in the gentleman above named. His fine estate consists of 400 acres of valuable land, being well-situated, thoroughly improved and for some years under careful tillage. The buildings upon it include a substantial residence, barns, sheds, windmill, and every other structure that will add to the convenience of those who are carrying on its work.

Our subject is a native of the Hoosier state, and was born near La Fayette, March 29, 1837. His father and mother, Jacob and Mary (Nicholson) McVay, were natives of Ohio and Virginia respectively and early settlers in Indiana. They lived there until 1843, and that year removed to and settled in Jefferson county, Iowa. J. H. McVay remained an inmate of the parental home until between the ages of seventeen and eighteen when he entered the itinerant



ministry of the United Brethren church. He continued thus in Iowa and northern Missouri until the breaking out of the Civil war, and July 8, 1862, was commissioned by Gov. Kirkwood as second lieutenant of company B, Thirty-sixth Iowa regiment, infantry. He was sworn into the service of the United States August 28, 1862, at Keokuk, Iowa, and from there went to St. Louis, and thence to Helena, Ark. He was a participant in the battles of Little Rock and Helena, and the following spring took part in the Arkadelphia expedition. He was next detailed as guard to a wagon train going from Arkadelphia to Pine Bluff, and while on this duty, at the battle of Marks Mills, was captured by the rebel forces. Lieut. Col. Drake, now governor of Iowa, had been severely wounded, and Mr. McVay at the Colonel's request remained with him while a prisoner. After fifteen days in captivity, during which time Mr. Drake and our subject were very well treated by the Confederates, they were paroled and Mr. McVay returned to the Union lines at Pine Bluff, Ark. He assumed command of his company until July, but was then so weak from chronic dysentery that he was compelled to resign.

On returning to Iowa he again entered the ministry in which he continued until 1873 in the Hawkeye state, and that year, being detailed by the board of missions of the United Brethren church on frontier work, he came to Elk Point, Dak. Ter., and made his headquarters there for some eighteen months. Shortly after arrival he entered a claim, and finally deciding to locate here permanently, sent for his family who joined him about the 1st of June, 1873. His first house was 15 x 17 feet in size, and

was erected over a "dug-out," so that during the warm months he lived with his family above ground, and when the weather began to get cold he made the "dug-out" his home. Quite a number of claim shanties, as they were called, were to be seen then, but few permanent structures had been constructed. After clearing up his first homestead, he subsequently bought the claim adjoining, and his estate now consists of 400 acres of very fine land. He has planted the grove and orchard himself, broke all the land and fenced it, and besides these improvements has built the residence, out-buildings, etc. He has depended on his own efforts, aided by a good wife, and a family of ten boys, who, as they have grown up, have been great workers and helpers on the farm. He began here with a span of four-year-old mares, and a double seated buggy, and after buying a stove had \$2.50 left. By hard work and industry he has greatly enhanced the value of his possessions, and his farm is numbered among the finest in the township. He does a mixed agriculture business, raising grain, feeding hogs and cattle, etc.

Mr. McVay continued to devote much of his time and attention to his ministerial duties for a dozen years or more, spending Saturday and Sunday in gospel work. He traveled a district which extended from Storm Lake to above Mitchell and from Sioux Falls to the Missouri river, and was presiding elder in 1881-2. Since that time, however, he has been exclusively a farmer. When he was eighteen years old, he could not parse nor analyze a simple sentence in grammar, but he devoted his spare moments to educating himself, and recalls to memory many a morning when he arose at three



o'clock to study. For a number of years he thus progressed, reciting his lessons to Prof. McCarthy, of the Iowa Reform school, and in November, 1870, he received a certificate to teach in Keokuk county, Iowa, signed by Supt. J. A. Lowe, who issued it. He was examined in ten branches and received the phenomenal average of ninety-four per cent. He is quite a literary man, reads the newspapers and the best magazines, and keeps abreast of the times. During his career in the ministry he was a frequent contributor to church papers, and he now occasionally furnishes short articles for the local papers. His contributions on the subject of free silver in particular have attracted wide attention, and the makeup shows the author to be a man of broad intelligence and judgment. In this connection it may be stated that he has always voted the Republican ticket politically, having cast his first vote for Lincoln, but his sympathies are now with the cause of free silver. He has never sought political office, but has been active in local matters, and is now serving as a member of the town board. A school district was organized in his locality in 1873; he taught the first school, and has been an officer of the district for the past seventeen or eighteen years. Socially, he belongs to the Mansfield post, G. A. R., at Hawarden, Iowa.

Mr. McVay was married in March, 1866, to Miss Lorana Clark, a native of Pennsylvania, and to this union have come thirteen children, viz.: Eleanor Jane Fite, Charles Sumner, Fulton Clark, Silas Benjamin, Mary Helena, Frederick Albert, James Nichoelsson, Ambrose Gilbert, Jacob Levi, Angelica Mabelle, Josiah Melvino, John Isaac and Robert Owen.

**H**ALVOR KNUDSON, a well-known, highly respected and successful agriculturist located in Brule township, Union county, settled on the place where he at present lives in 1870. He is a native of Norway, and was born March 29, 1841, a son of Knud Knudson. Our subject was reared in his native land, where he acquired a thorough education in the common and high schools. After qualifying himself as an instructor, he began teaching in the public schools, which vocation he followed for a number of years, and was eminently successful, being principal of the school at Opdal for twelve years. Ill health compelled him to abandon teaching, and to save his life he came to America, landing in Quebec. From Quebec he pushed farther west, stopping the first summer at Sioux City, Iowa, where he found employment as a carpenter, a trade he had learned in his youth. He has been successful since coming to Union county, and now owns 200 acres of land, largely under cultivation and well improved with a comfortable home, where he and an interesting family reside.

Mr. Knudson was elected county commissioner in 1879, and re-elected two terms successively, serving in all nine years. He was chairman of the board during his entire term of service, and also held the position of assistant to secretary of state, Hon. A. O. Ringsrud, during the latter's term of office. He has been elected justice of the peace for Brule township several times, member of the school board, and served in various other official capacities. He was also the first postmaster of Brule, established in 1886, being one of the most interested in securing its location, but it has since been discontinued.

Mr. Knudson was married to Miss Carrie Storli in 1870, the same week he started for America, and they are the parents of ten children, viz.: Charley, Anna, Mary, Olaf, George, Edward, Carrie and Hannah, living; the deceased being Ellis and Mary A. Mr. Knudson has voted the Republican ticket all his life here, and he, his wife and family are all members of the Lutheran church, of which he has been secretary for fifteen years, and has held various of the other offices of the church. He is a well-informed man, being particularly well-versed on topics of education and economy, and is widely and favorably known as a citizen devoted to his adopted country's best interest.

ARTIN E. RUDOLPH. Among the talented members of the bar that Canton can boast, a foremost rank is held by the gentleman above named, who is now serving as state's attorney.

Mr. Rudolph is of German parentage, his father and mother, Otto and Henrietta (Schroeder) Rudolph, being natives of the kingdom of Saxony, a part of the great Germanic confederation. They emigrated to America in 1852 and settled in Chicago for three years, at the expiration of that time locating on a farm near Manchester, Delaware Co., Iowa. The former died in Moline, Ill., in 1874, but Mrs. Rudolph still survives at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Of the four children born to this couple Martin E. was the second, and first opened his eyes to the light in Chicago, September 11, 1853. He grew to the age of ten years on his father's farm in Iowa,

and then removed to the town of Manchester, where he made his home until 1881.

Our subject pursued his fundamental studies in the public schools and then became a student at the agricultural college of the state at Ames, Iowa, from which he graduated in the class of '75. He completed his literary course of study in the Iowa state university, and graduated from the law department in 1881 with high honors. He was valedictorian of the class and was complimented on his splendid record by the chancellor of the university, William G. Hammond, LL. D. After graduating from the college of agriculture and prior to his taking up his studies in the state university, our subject taught school in Kellogg and Prairie City, Iowa, serving two years at the former place as principal. After his graduation from the law department of the state university he immediately took up his legal practice in Canton, and has since followed his profession there. He has built up an extensive practice, has a reputation second to none in the city, and has been prospered financially as well as in reputation. His bearing is that of a true gentleman, courteous and kindly, and even in the heat of a legal contest he does not forget what is due to the feelings of others. He has been active in all local affairs of interest, and has served his fellow citizens in various responsible positions. He has held the offices of city attorney, treasurer, and was a delegate to the first constitutional convention which convened at Sioux Falls in 1883. In 1892 he was elected state's attorney, and in 1894 enjoyed re-election to the same office, the duties of which he has always discharged with commendable ability and judgment. Politically he affiliates with the Republican





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party, and socially belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and has served as high priest of the Canton chapter of R. A. M. for several years.

Realizing that it is not good for man to be alone Mr. Rudolph secured an intelligent, cultured and refined lady as his life companion. The bride was Miss Claudia Shedd, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Mr. J. B. Shedd, now of Postville, Iowa. The home of the happy couple is gladdened by the presence of two sons—Ernest George and Herbert Blaine.

**L**UCIUS VANDIVER. Springdale township is not without its share of the well-regulated farms, the income from which forms so large a part of the wealth of Lincoln county. One of these carefully cultivated tracts of land belongs to the gentleman whose cognomen introduces these paragraphs and whose portrait appears elsewhere in this volume. It is located on sections 16, 21, 22 and 27, and consists of 640 acres, on which buildings of substantial construction and good design have been erected. A visitor to the estate will find that modern methods are used in the work performed, that improved machinery is at hand, and various arrangements have been made by which the soil can be more easily tilled and the crops more perfectly garnered and disposed of.

Mr. Vandiver was early left an orphan; his father, John Vandiver, died about 1825 of yellow fever at Terre Haute, Ind., and his mother, Eliza Kibbe, died in Parke county, Ind., in the latter part of the '20s. Our subject was born in Parke county, Ind., April 22, 1820, and after his mother's death

was bound out to a Mr. Shook until he had attained the age of fourteen years, when he was allowed to choose his own guardian. As Mr. Shook had been very kind and considerate to him, he chose that gentleman as his legal guardian, and with him continued to make his home until twenty years of age. He then went to the lead mines in Jo Daviess county, Ill., and worked therein off and on until 1847, in the fall of that year being married to his first wife, Miss Susanna Galahan. This estimable lady was born January 18, 1828, and after marriage Mr. Vandiver and his bride took up their residence on a farm in Dodge township, Dubuque Co., Iowa, which our subject has purchased several years prior to his wedding. Mrs. Vandiver died there, and he subsequently married Miss Sarah E. Bunn, a daughter of James and Mary Ann (Seabrook) Bunn. Miss Bunn was born November 30, 1847, and the ceremony which united her life with that of our subject was performed July 6, 1869.

In March, 1884, Mr. Vandiver came with his family and settled on his present farm, in Springdale township, having purchased it some time previous. He has since made his home here and is considered one of the best citizens of the county, taking an active part in all matters of local interest. He has always followed agricultural pursuits since his first marriage, at which he has been eminently successful, and since his residence in South Dakota has served as a member of the town board and also as school treasurer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Vandiver are devout members of the Free Will Baptist church, and take an earnest interest in working for the Master.

By his first marriage our subject became

the father of ten children, viz.: John W., Jonas, Mary J., deceased, formerly the wife of William Kissinger; Sarah M., who married Robert Buchanan; Martha L., the wife of John Kissenger; James A., deceased; George W., William A., Lucius W. and an infant; the latter three are deceased. By his union to Miss Bunn they have become the parents of five children, of whom the following is a record: F. Bert, Charles A., L. Ethel, M. Neva and Nellie.

**O**LE OVERSETH. This name is borne by a prominent citizen of Norway township, Lincoln county, whose life and labors here extend over a period of twenty-five years. During this quarter of a century Mr. Overseth has been found standing on the side of truth and justice, and manifesting the true spirit of American progress in his business affairs and his connection with the advance of civilization.

Our subject is a native of Norway and was born September 30, 1846. He grew to manhood in his mother country and when twenty-one years of age started for America to seek his fortune. After completing the voyage across the broad Atlantic he landed at his destination possessed of just \$14.00, and with this he secured passage to Winneshie county, Iowa, where he remained the following three years, working on farms for a livelihood. In 1871 he came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and entered as a homestead the property on which he now resides. There were but few settlers located in the vicinity. After building a shanty for shelter our subject was compelled to look for work at which he could earn enough to buy

such things as were necessary with which to start in to break up his land—team, wagon, etc.—and with this object in view went first to Heron Lake and then to Lemars, Iowa. In the latter place, in connection with several others, he took a sub-contract in the construction of the St. Paul & Sioux City railroad and graded the road-bed from that point to Sheldon. He then came back to his claim, and in the fall started for Minnesota, where he found employment that winter at lumbering. The following spring he again returned to his homestead, walking from Mountain Lake via Sheldon to Dakota territory, and the same spring made another pedestrian journey to New Ulm, Minn., having to walk many miles at times without a taste of water. He secured employment on the railroad from New Ulm to the state line, then being constructed, until October, when he again returned to Dakota to be sure that nobody had “jumped” his claim, and then went back to finish the railroad job. In the middle of November the crew suffered intensely from the cold weather and snow, the tent being covered with three feet of the “beautiful,” and the plows, wagons, etc., completely buried. The men managed to get out and then made their way to St. Peter, where they shoveled snow the balance of the winter. The following spring Mr. Overseth again started on foot from St. James, Minn., for his claim. After getting waist deep in the water trying to cross the Sioux river, he was offered a chance to ride over, as it were, in a wagon. About in the middle of the stream the harness broke, and the wagon, occupants and all went sailing involuntarily down the stream, but were rescued by some men at work at a mill further down the river.

In the fall of 1872, Mr. Overseth took a most important step in his career, as he was at that time married to Miss Johanna Naurum, a native of Norway, born in 1848. The next spring he bought a team of oxen and started after his bride to bring her to his homestead from St. Peter, Minn., but the roads were so bad that it took him three days to get as far as Sheldon. The young couple finally, however, arrived at their destination, and they have since made a permanent home here. Mr. Overseth now has 573 acres, and both the home farm and the half section in Eden township have been carefully improved and cultivated. He does a mixed farming business, raising besides grain, a considerable number of head of hogs and cattle, making a specialty of good grades of the latter.

Mr. and Mrs. Overseth have been blessed in their married life with a family of eight children, viz.: John, Mina Norlie, Peter Anton, deceased, Martin, Annie, Peter Anton, James and Henry, who are receiving good educations. They are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, in which Mr. Overseth has served in official capacities and taken quite a little interest. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, and is a staunch supporter of its principles. He has also served as treasurer of the school board of his district and has been a member of the town board.

**A** H. WILLIAMS, cashier of the Bank of Alcester. Probably there is none of the prominent men of Union county, who have had a more varied experience with the ups and downs of life in their search for fortune

than Mr. Williams. He was born in 1851, in New York state, a son of Harrison and Louise (Pratt) Williams, also natives of the "Empire state," who resided in the vicinity of Rome, where their lives were passed, both now being deceased. Their parents were of Welsh descent.

The subject of this sketch was reared in his native state and at the early age of ten years he started out with a buoyant heart to make his way in the world. His educational advantages during his youth were decidedly limited, but he persevered, working during the summer and attending the district schools in winter, and the education thus gained he supplemented by a higher course in a seminary. The first venture he indulged in after leaving home was driving a boat on the Erie canal for five years, subsequently working two years in Buffalo, N. Y., and four years at Stark's Landing, same state. 1871 saw him on his way west and he located in Minneapolis, Minn., later going into the pineries where he was engaged till the summer of 1872, from which time till the summer of 1873 he was located in various western places. In 1873 he returned to Buffalo where he was employed till 1876, that year, in May, going to Ohio where he remained till April, 1878, the time of his locating in Union county. He homesteaded 160 acres of land in Virginia township, and on this property erected a cabin and began the task of improving his future home, where he resided till 1888. That year he was elected county treasurer and served one term of two years, having previously been elected in 1885 county commissioner, which office he held for a term of three years. He has also held the position of treasurer of Alcester township. He was married in 1874 to Miss

Mary Lucy, who has borne him one child, a son, Louis K. He is a Republican on political questions and supports that party heartily. Is also a member of the Masonic and K. of P. orders.

In this connection a few words regarding the Bank of Alcester will be of interest. Mr. Williams has been connected with this bank since immediately after the expiration of his term as county treasurer, the bank having been organized during 1890 under the management of the following officers: W. W. Hall, president; J. A. Moody, vice-president; F. E. Watkins, cashier, and C. H. Williams, assistant cashier. The present officers are F. E. Watkins, president; J. A. Moody, vice-president; C. H. Williams, cashier, and A. H. Ring, assistant cashier. The concern does a regular banking business.

**J**OHN HEGNES is prosperously pursuing his calling as a farmer in Norway township, Lincoln county, where he is held in high estimation by his neighbors and friends, both privately and publicly. He is a native of Norway, and was born March 28, 1843. He was reared amid the usual surroundings on a farm in his native land, and there grew to manhood. In 1868 he emigrated to America and located in Winneshiek county, Iowa, working there on farms for a period of six years, until he came to Dakota territory. He settled on the farm, which is now his home, at that time, several other parties locating in the vicinity the same year, and since then has constantly resided there.

When he arrived the grasshoppers were numerous, but ever since he broke ground has always raised a crop, with the exception

of one season. The sod house he first constructed as a place of shelter he lived in for five years, and, although he was not so poor as many of the other pioneers, he nevertheless passed through some very trying times. The nearest market in those early days was Elk Point, and here our subject did all his trading. He has applied himself industriously to his business, carefully managing the details, and has been rewarded by the prosperity such a course deserves. His present estate consists of 400 acres, all of which is improved and in one piece, and on this he carries on mixed farming, raising grain and live stock, and is constantly striving to improve the grade of the latter. His farm is a model one—one of the finest in the township as well as the county. In 1874 he entered the southwest quarter of section 22 as a timber claim and planted forty acres. The grove is in good condition, and some of the trees are now fit for the sawmill.

Mr. Hegnes was married in 1872 to Miss Helen Mary Torgeson, a native of Norway, born in 1848, and to this congenial union have been born sixteen children, thirteen of whom are now living, viz.: Claus T., Albert, Gretta Henrietta, Olaf, John Helma, Peter, Mathias, Emma, Mollie, Dina, Alma, Milda Josephine and Helmina. Mr. Hegnes was one of the moving spirits in the organization of his school district, and has been a member of the board of directors. The children are all receiving good educations, and the family belongs to the Lutheran church, in which Mr. Hegnes has served in various official capacities. He was appointed a member of the building committee which constructed the edifice on section 12 of Norway township, but did not serve for reasons of his own.

Our subject is one of the leading men in



this part of the county, and has been a delegate to various of the conventions of the Republican party, with which he affiliates. He has served as treasurer of Norway township, and his son, Claus T., has held the position of assessor for the past three years.

**A** C. BROWN, the popular and able editor and proprietor of the Turner County Herald, which is published at Hurley, is a native of the Green Mountain state, and was born in the village of Woodstock, June 10, 1849. He spent his boyhood days in Woodstock and Montpelier, Vt., and gleaned his education in the institutions of learning in those villages. His father was a newspaper man and our subject from his earliest recollections spent much of his time in his father's printing office. He virtually grew up in the business, and his early training in "the art preservative of all art," has resulted in his adoption of the business as his life work.

In the fall of 1864 young Brown went south to Norfolk, Va., where he entered the office of the New Regime, then being edited by his father, and later on became a messenger in the Exchange National bank. His father next established the Norfolk Post, and after spending a short time assisting his parent in the business office of this enterprise, our subject returned to Vermont. This was in the fall of 1865, and after attending school for a couple years he accepted a position as clerk in a store in Rutland. In 1869 he decided to try his fortune in the west, and the fall of that year started for Chicago, where he registered at the Tremont House. After paying his bill he found he had one dollar and a

ticket to Council Bluffs, Iowa, in his possession, the total extent of his worldly goods. At this juncture in his career he was offered a position at teaching school in Kane county, Ill., which he accepted with commendable promptness, and after he had saved a little money he started for Omaha, Neb. Here, as Mr. Brown puts it, "I loafed on the promises of friends until I got stranded again," and then went to work with the telegraph construction party of the Union Pacific railroad. At the expiration of three months he found himself at Yankton, Dak. Ter., arriving there May 27, 1870. He secured a position in the office of the Union and Dakotan, then being published in Yankton. During the summers of 1871 and 73 he was employed upon the government land surveys of Dakota territory and in 1876 joined one of the first parties organized for the Black Hills, where he spent two seasons in mining and prospecting. Mr. Brown says he gained nothing there but "experience" and plenty of it. He then returned to Yankton and remained there until the spring of 1883, when he came to Hurley and established the Turner County Herald in the conduct of which he has since devoted his entire time and attention. The first editions of the paper he had to take to a distant town to mail, there being no post-office at Hurley then, but the circulation under his efficient management greatly increased and he prospered accordingly, and the paper is now on a sound basis. It is published weekly and politically advocates and supports the doctrines and principles of the Republican party.

Our subject was fortunate in the choice of a life companion, winning for his wife a lady of rare goodness of heart, and refine-

ment, in the person of Miss Ida Rose Willard. Mrs. Brown was born August 6, 1856, in Rapids, Ohio, a daughter of Samuel and Olive D. (Crafts) Willard, and was educated in Garrettsville, Ohio, and Yankton, Dak. Ter. Her maternal ancestors, the Crafts family, were originally from New England, and various of its members were prominent in the affairs of the country in early pioneer days, one of them, Col. Thomas Crafts, being a member of the famous "Boston Tea Party" and colonel of a regiment of artillery, in which Paul Revere was lieutenant-colonel. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of two daughters, Vera Anna, aged sixteen years, and Verdi Willard, aged eleven, both of whom still grace the parental household. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Episcopal church, and Mr. Brown belongs to the I. O. O. F. lodge of Hurley, in which he has served in all the official capacities; the M. W. of A.; and in the Sons of Veterans he has been judge advocate for the department of Dakota and assistant adjutant general of the department of the west. Politically he is a Republican, and has attended various of the state conventions of the party as a delegate from his district.

A few words regarding the parents of our subject will be of interest. Edward M. Brown was born June 22, 1821, in Hartland, Windsor Co., Vt., a son of Charles Brown, also a native of New England, and a soldier in the war of 1812-15. May 2, 1846, he was united in marriage to Miss Jerusha Benton Hayward, a daughter of Samuel Hayward, one of the heroes of the Revolution. Her grandfather, Caleb Hayward, was born in Litchfield, Conn., and married Miss Jerusha Benton, after whom

Mrs. Brown was named. Mrs. Brown was born June 21, 1823, in Strafford, Vt., and became the wife of Mr. Brown in Hartford, of the same state. The young couple took up their domestic life in Woodstock until December, 1860, from where they removed to Montpelier, and made the latter city their home until June 2, 1873. At that date they came to Yankton, Dak. Ter., but only remained until August 6, 1874, when they removed to Bismarck, living in the latter place until July 17, 1890. Since the latter date they have resided in St. Paul, Minn., where they are passing in comfort, among their children, the evening of their lives.

Mr. Brown is a graduate of the Norwich (Vermont) Military academy and has been in the newspaper business all his life nearly. Politically he is affiliated with the Democrats, and has voted for the presidential candidate of that party from John Tyler to the present time. While conducting a newspaper in Montpelier the great Civil war broke out, and he immediately gave up his business and entered the army as adjutant of the Fifth Vermont regiment, infantry, and served in the army of the Potomac. He later returned to Vermont and was instrumental in raising the Eighth Vermont regiment, infantry, a regiment of loyal Democrats—every one—and of this regiment he was made lieutenant-colonel. He served in the department of the Gulf under Gen. Benjamin Butler, and by him was assigned to the conduct of the New Orleans delta. After Gen. Butler's removal Mr. Brown resigned his command and returned to Vermont, but was soon after recalled and placed on the staff of Gen. Butler at Fortress Monroe. While a resident of Woodstock

he served as postmaster of the city under Presidents Pierce and Buchanan, and was also a reporter of the Vermont state senate. At Yankton, Dak. Ter., he was appointed deputy U. S. surveyor and also edited the Press and Dakotan for a time. At Bismarck he was receiver of the U. S. land office; also deputy U. S. surveyor, and, as stated above, is now living a retired life in St. Paul. His good wife has just been placed upon the United States pension rolls by special act of Congress, thus being honored as a daughter of a Revolutionary war soldier.

To Mr. and Mrs. Brown were born five children, of whom we note the following: Etta, now Mrs. Arthur Linn, lives in Canton, S. Dak.; W. C., is the subject of this sketch; Franklin Pierce, lives in St. Paul; Edward M., Jr., also resides in St. Paul, and Loo Loo, is now the wife of Mr. E. D. Spicer, and also makes her home in the Gem city.

**N**ELS J. LARSON, a thrifty and respected member of the farming community of Lincoln county, is a native of the Scandinavian peninsula, and first saw the light of day in Sweden, November 6, 1831. He was brought up amid the rural surroundings of his father's farm in the old country, receiving during his boyhood a good, practical education in the common schools.

Two years after his marriage, which occurred in 1864, our subject emigrated to the land of the free with his wife and settled in Henry county, Ill., where he found employment working on a farm for others for a period of eight years, at the expiration of which time he decided to come to Dakota

territory. In 1874, with his wife, a team and wagon and \$45 in cash, he arrived at his destination, and, after looking around, selected his present farm on section 25, Brooklyn township, which he entered as homestead. Few settlers, comparatively, were to be seen in the vicinity at that time, and those who had already located there made their homes in dug-outs, which was likewise our subject's place of abode for four years after arrival. From a wild piece of land Mr. Larson has developed his present well-cultivated property, which is enclosed and subdivided with neat and well-kept fences. The 200 acres, which comprise his present farm, are all improved, and have been embellished with a grove of trees and a thrifty orchard, all of which he has done himself. He has devoted his whole attention exclusively to farming, and by the exercise of sound and mature judgment in all his transactions has accumulated quite a competence.

Mr. Larson and his estimable wife are the parents of four living children, viz.: August, Mrs. Millie Anderson, Tilda and Edwin. One son, Albion, died at the age of fifteen years. The children were all accorded good, practical educations, and August is now a druggist at Beresford. The family are members of the Free Congregation church, located in Brooklyn township, of which Mr. Larson is serving as trustee.

**E**DWARD REDERICK is one of the progressive farmers and well-to-do citizens of Clay county, having a clear title to 640 acres of the territory embraced in Meckling and in Bethel townships, his home being in section 2 of

the former. He is a native of the Empire state and a son of Nicholas A. and Rose (Colin) Rederick, both of whom were born in France. When he was about five years of age his parents removed to St. Lawrence county, N. Y., where they settled on a farm and lived a year, and then started west to Illinois. In Galena of that state they lived two years, Mr. Rederick working at his trade of machinist during that time, and then they settled on a farm near Guilford, in Jo Daviess county, where both their deaths occurred, Mr. Rederick at the age of seventy-four years and his wife aged fifty-six.

Edward Rederick first opened his eyes to the light February 19, 1849, in New York city, and made his home with his parents in the various places where they resided until he had attained his majority, at which time he came to Clay county, Dak. Ter. In August, 1870, he took up a claim in Meckling township, on what was known as the Botoms, and this property he improved and made his home on until 1882, when he sold out and purchased the farm on which he now makes his residence. He has erected a fine house and various outbuildings, which are conveniently arranged on the home farm in section 2, where he has headquarters for the operation of his whole estate, which, as stated above, comprises 640 acres.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Louisa Varing was celebrated in Jo Daviess county, Ill., February 17, 1874. Mrs. Rederick is a native of Guilford, that county, born April 16, 1856, and was reared and grew to womanhood there. Her father, Francis Varing, was born near Pembina, N. Dak., and her mother, Sarah Deroucher, was a native of Canada and of French parentage. She died in Jo Daviess county, Ill.,

at the age of fifty-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Rederick are the parents of four children, viz.: Frank E., Charles W., Clarence H., and Rose S. They belong to St. Patrick's Catholic church, in Bethel township.

Mr. Rederick during his younger days learned the carpenters's trade, serving an apprenticeship of over two years, and this occupation he has followed in connection with his farming operations. Since the disastrous flood of 1881 he has erected in this vicinity some eighty buildings, barns and residences chiefly.

**A** A. SANFORD. An honorable position among the farmers of Brooklyn township, Lincoln county, is willingly accorded to this gentleman by his associates. He occupies one of the well-developed farms of the county, and is greatly respected in the community where he has spent a quarter century of his life.

Mr. Sanford is a native of the Prairie state and was born May 2, 1849, in Clark county, Ill., a son of T. J. Sanford, an early settler of that county. He was raised until he had attained the seventh year of his age in the place of his nativity, and then removed with his parents to Boone county, Iowa, where he grew to maturity. Education in those days was hard to get, especially so to one without money, and our subject was therefore only afforded what information was imparted in the common schools. When he was seventeen years old he started overland for California driving a freight team across the plains, and in this business he occupied himself for three years, returning at the expiration of that time to his home in Iowa. In 1871 he and his elder

brother, John H., struck out for Dakota territory and our subject at that time settled on the farm he now occupies. He at once began to improve his farm, though he found it pretty hard at times to make both ends meet. He built a little house, 10x12 feet, on arrival, and then, September 21, 1873, married Miss Agnes Weitzel, a native of Stephenson county, Ill. Together they took up their domestic life on the homestead and this has been their residence ever since. Times continued to be hard, the grasshoppers playing havoc with the results of his toil, but cheered on by his faithful wife he continued to make the best of it, going off to work at times in order to get funds with which to purchase the necessities of life. His 160 acres are now all improved, and the farm in general bears evidence that its owner is a man of thrift and good taste. The dwelling is a comfortable edifice, and in its internal arrangements and furnishings gives evidence of the presence of refined womanhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford are the parents of nine living children, viz.: Fredus Irene, Maude Alice, Pearl Grace, Alfred Linden, Richard Samuel, Ethel May, Bessie M., Christella, Mary Ruth and Martha Rachel, twins. One son, Sebastian Weitzel, died April 15, 1891, aged fourteen years. The children have all been given facilities for liberal educations, and the eldest daughter is now a teacher in the high school of Gowrie, Iowa. The family are members of the Free Methodist church, taking an active part in both church and Sunday-school work.

The estimable lady who has for so many years shared the joys and sorrows of Mr. Sanford was born March 2, 1857, and was

educated in Illinois, her native state. After she came to Dakota territory with her husband she taught the first school ever held in the locality, herself and baby being counted as pupils in order to make the requisite number of scholars for the organization of the district. The first institution of learning was a select one held in her claim shanty, and as teacher, principal, etc., she presided over it with dignity and grace befitting the occasion and place.

Mr. Sanford has been treasurer of the school district, and politically uses his right of suffrage in supporting candidates of the Republican party, believing that in so doing he serves the best interest of the country at large. His mother was left a widow with five sons, four of whom served as soldiers all through the recent Civil war. After the close of hostilities she had the pleasure of welcoming them all home again, and at one time they were all residents of Dakota, each having a farm for himself; but they are now scattered.

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JOHN W. REEDY, one of the most prominent men of Beresford, near where he is carrying on an extensive farming and stock business, is one of the wide-awake and wealthy citizens of Union county. He is a fine type of our self-made men, having began for himself with absolutely nothing except the tools which nature gave him. From his first employment at a salary of \$12 per month he has steadily risen by his own efforts on the ladder of fortune and is now possessed of a very comfortable competence.

Mr. Reedy is yet in the prime of life, having been born October 9, 1850, in

Stephenson county, Ill. His parents, John and Hanora (O'Brien) Reedy, were early settlers of the Prairie state, where their deaths occurred. Our subject was but four years old when his father passed from time to eternity, and when twelve was deprived of a mother's watchfulness and care. Thus early in life he was thrown on his own resources, and for this reason his success is all the more remarkable. Until eighteen years of age he continued to make his home in Stephenson county, Ill., receiving his education in the common schools there and completing it with a term in the La Crosse Business college. He worked for others from the time he was twelve years of age until he had finished his schooling, and then started in the hardware business at Fountain, Minn., where he remained for three years. In May, 1877, he came to Dakota territory and settled on a farm in Prairie township. For eight years he continued to make his home on this farm, and then when the town of Beresford was located he removed there. His dwelling was the first one built in the town and was erected on the first residence lot sold. He then began the breeding, buying and shipping of live stock, and now has some very fine specimens of pure-bred cattle. He first devoted his time to the breeding of Durham cattle exclusively, but on March 27, 1895, he purchased twenty-five head of polled Aberdeen-Angus cattle, the ancestors of which were imported from Scotland, and has since paid strict attention to improving his herd of this breed. The animals are all registered. At the head of the herd is Heatherlad of Emerson (18888), who, when two years and three months old, weighed 1,830 pounds. This animal was

calved October 17, 1892, and is sired by Imp. Jim Jams (Am. No. 13896, Scotch No. 7630), dam Rosa Bonhuer of Turlington (Am. No. 4718, Scotch No. 10007). Then he has Bessie of North Oak (9725), Bess of Cottage Grove (10852), Tina of Cottage Grove (19813), Judges' Pride (19812) and Ideal of Cottage Grove II. (15030). The balance of the herd are all of the same strain and mostly sired by Guido Knight (9330), the sire of the heifer Nell Gwynne that took first premium at the World's Fair at Chicago in '93. Some of the herd are also of the get of Blackbird King (12845) and includes Ranter (7273), Clare Duff (9726), and Napoleon (3616). The herd now consists of thirty-five head of choice animals, Mr. Reedy having disposed of six head of young males. He is also an extensive handler and breeder of hogs and has some very fine specimens of Poland China swine on his farm. Among his horses he has the imported Englis hackney, "Stuntney Movement," registered in the English Hackney Stud Book, volume 9. This magnificent piece of horseflesh was foaled in 1889, is a dark brown in color, and is sired by Clockwork II. (2404), dam Beauty. He was bred by Col. Ambrose Stuntney Hall, of England, and is the finest representative of the equine species in the county. He stands seventeen hands high, weighs 1,500 pounds, possesses high knee action and is an extremely good performer. For mares Mr. Reedy has Lottie Collins, registered in volume 12, and various others, the get of noted sires; in all he has twenty-two brood mares.

Mr. Reedy is also one of the largest land owners of Union county, his farm lands footing up an area of 1,760 acres, and be-

sides this he is also the possessor of fifty acres of town property. He rents a large part of the land. Politically he has always used his elective franchise in the support of candidates nominated by the Democratic party, and has taken an active interest in local matters; is now president of the Beresford town council.

Mr. Reedy was married in 1876 to Miss Johanna Murphy, a native of Michigan. They have no children of their own, but are raising a young lady, Miss Theresa Ryan, a niece of our subject. The family are all members of the Catholic church and devout in their religious belief.

**C**ARL A. CARLSON, who resides in section 15 of Brooklyn township, is one of the prominent Norwegian farmers and large taxpayers of the township, and his possessions have been acquired by his own efforts. After his name may be written the words, "a self-made man," and his example of activity, perseverance and energy, may well be followed by the young men of the present generation. He was born January 12, 1840, in Christiania, Norway, and grew to manhood there, receiving during his early life an education such as the common schools afforded. He was reared partly on a farm, but when thirteen years of age was compelled to work in saw mills, etc., in order to gain a livelihood. After attaining his twenty-second year he was mustered into the regular army of the kingdom, and for one year served as a private in the infantry. He was then transferred to the surgeons' corps and educated as a nurse, receiving a diploma at the end of six months attesting to his compe-

tency in that particular line. In the reserve troops he served four years and a half, and then got permission to leave the country. He had been frugal and economical in his habits, and had purchased a farm in Eidsvold, Norway, with his savings, which he sold out in 1872, and with the proceeds brought his family with him to the land of the free. After a year and a half spent in Omaha, Neb., where he secured employment first, he came to Dakota territory, and has ever since resided on the claim which he entered at that time as a homestead. No houses nor trees were to be seen, and no roads had been laid out when he arrived, what few settlers there were living in "dug-outs." One of these primitive places of abode was also the home of our subject for several years, he having constructed it for himself and family. He began very poor in finances and worldly goods and lost everything he had the first two or three years by the grasshoppers, but as he knew such times could not last always he never became discouraged, and the wisdom of this course is attested by the fact that he is now the fortunate owner of 480 acres of land, all improved, on which he conducts an extensive general farming business, raising besides grain, good grades of live stock.

The marriage of our subject to Miss Christina Nelson occurred in Norway in 1865, and this union has been productive of ten children, viz.: Mrs. Laura Bernatina Knack, Julia Nicholine, Oscar Frederick, Emma Sophia, Albert Burt, George Washington, Effie Belle, Nellie, Clara and Frances Hannah. The children have all been given good educations, Julia, Oscar, Emma, Albert, and Effie having been students at the state university. Oscar, Albert and Emma



are teachers of Lincoln county, and the younger members of the family attend the district schools.

Mr. Carlson attends strictly to his business interests, to which reason may be attributed his success, yet he finds time to devote to other interests. He has served as school director, and four years as treasurer of Brooklyn township, also as a member of the town board, of which body he was chairman two terms. Politically he has been a Republican, and was one of the first in the county to cast his lot with the Populists when that party was organized. Mr. Carlson was elected to the office of county commissioner on that ticket in 1891, and served three years, one year in the capacity of chairman of that body, and has frequently been a delegate to the various county and state Populistic conventions from his district.

**G** W. ARNEY, an industrious and well known citizen of Parker township, Turner county, who is engaged in the successful pursuit of agriculture on section 1, is a native of Owen county, Ind., and first saw the light May 13, 1850. He is a son of John and Mahulda (Hauser) Arney, the former a native of North Carolina who removed to Owen county, Ind., early in his career and thence to Marshall county, Iowa, in 1851. On his arrival in Iowa he took up a farm, which he improved and still resides on with his wife. He was of Scotch descent. Mrs. Arney was born in Indiana, of German descent, and lived there until her marriage. They were the parents of six children, two sons and four daughters, viz.: G. W.; Par-

melia, wife of J. L. Ralls, of Marshall county, Iowa; Albert L., residing in Albion, Iowa; Eliza, wife of William Zeller, of Turner county, S. Dak.; Viola, wife of Harvey Denbow, of Marshall county, Iowa, and Effie May, at home.

Our subject was the eldest of the children and about one year old when his parents located in Marshall county. There he attended the district schools and assisted his father on the farm, finishing his education at the Albion seminary, of Albion, Iowa. He remained at home until his marriage in 1872 to Miss Rebecca Franklin, a native of Indiana. After this event he continued to reside in Iowa with his wife and engaged in general farming until 1882, when he sold out and came to what is now South Dakota. He bought a half section of land, the same on which he now resides, and has added to this another half section. On this property he carries on general farming, has made all the improvements thereon, and originally broke all the ground himself. He has a splendid orchard, which contains among others 160 growing apple trees, and has on his farm about eighty head of swine and fourteen horses. During 1896 he planted 360 acres with wheat, which yielded about fifteen bushels per acre, and also raised 190 acres of corn. He has a first class farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Arney are the parents of seven children, three sons and four daughters, viz.: David, Nellie, Edwin, Laura, Effie, Clara and Lloyd. Mr. Arney has held various public offices. He was elected to the board of supervisors in 1894 and enjoyed re-election in 1895 and '96. He also served as commissioner of Turner county and school treasurer for three years. Politically



he is a Republican, and socially is a member of the Parker lodges, I. O. O. F. No. 88 and K. of P. No. 57.

**J**OHNN J. WARNER, the proprietor of the Pioneer livery stables of Canton, and one of that city's enterprising business men, is a native of Somerset county, Pa., where he was born October 28, 1840. He spent his childhood up to nine years of age in his native county, when he removed with his parents to Maryland, engaging during his maturer years there in farming, which was his father's occupation. After the close of the Civil war he decided to come farther west, and accordingly located in Blackhawk county, Iowa, renting land there, and conducting a farm for six years near the present site of Waterloo. The fall of 1871 he settled in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., in Dayton township, of which he had taken up a claim of 160 acres the spring previous. This property he set about to improve, breaking up the raw prairie land and bringing it to a high state of cultivation, and resided on it until 1889, when he located in Canton and engaged in the livery business, which he has since continued and is now successfully conducting. Mr. Warner has never taken any great interest in the whirlpool of politics, but while a resident of Dayton township, at the earnest solicitation of his neighbors, he did accept and discharge the duties of several of the minor offices of the township, but further than this has attended strictly to his personal affairs.

The ceremony which united the lives of John J. Warner and Miss Sarah M. Fulton was performed in Blackhawk county, Iowa,

the bride being a native of Illinois. She is an estimable lady and an excellent housewife, and by her marriage to our subject has become the happy mother of six children, four of whom are living, viz.: Edward, Mary, John and William. The two other children died in infancy.

**L**EWIS B. BRIDGMAN is an honored member of the farming class of Clay county, and a respected citizen of Bethel township, where he is busily engaged in the management of the farm of which he is the fortunate proprietor. He was born in Racine county, Wis., November 8, 1845, and is a son of Rev. Lewis Bridgman, a Congregational clergyman, who was born in Northampton, Mass. His mother bore the maiden name of Miss Nancy Daggett, and was a native of Rhode Island. They left Eau Claire county, Wis., for Turner county, Dak., in 1871, and there five years later Mrs. Bridgman passed to the world beyond. Mr. Bridgman in 1879 removed to Bethel township, Clay county, and there he also passed from time to eternity in 1894. They had three children, and our subject was the second in order of birth.

Lewis B. Bridgman was reared in the Badger state, and lived there until after he had attained his majority, with the exception of seven years, which he spent in Massachusetts attending school. When the Civil war was at its height he enlisted in company I, First Wisconsin heavy artillery, and served about ten months, being discharged in July, 1865. After the close of hostilities he followed farming for about a year and a half, and then took a commercial

course in a business college, after which he resumed his farming operations, being thus engaged about three and a half years. The next six months he worked in a grist mill, then was employed in a saw-mill in the lumber woods for about two years and a half, and accepted a position in the store of the lumber company, which he held another two years, resigning to come to Dakota territory. He arrived in Turner county in 1875, and settled on a farm which he operated about five years and a half, and then in the fall of 1879 purchased the farm in Bethel township, Clay county, where he now lives, comprising 160 acres. Since then he has devoted his attention almost exclusively to farming, though from 1890 to 1893 he was employed in the United States land office as clerk.

Mr. Bridgman has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Mary Stone, to whom he was married in Kenosha, Wis., in 1867. They had three children by this marriage—Ward, Deila and Ray. Mrs. Bridgman died in Monroe county, Wis., in 1871, and in the fall of 1875 Mr. Bridgman married his present wife in Sioux City, Iowa. She bore the maiden name of Miss Belle Gamble, is a daughter of the late Robert Gamble, who died in Fox Lake, Wis., in 1893, and was born in Ireland in 1845. This union has been blessed with one daughter, on whom has been bestowed the name Jennie.

Mr. Bridgman has taken an active part in all local affairs, and in politics his sentiments are with the Republican party. In the fall of 1893 he was elected a commissioner of Clay county, re-elected to the same position in the fall of 1896, and he has also held several of the minor offices of

Bethel township. While residing in Wisconsin he served as treasurer of the township where he lived for several years. Socially he belongs to the Sol Merritt post, G. A. R., at Wakonda.

**S**T. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH, Very Rev. George Sheehan, dean, pastor, is one of the largest and most thriving churches of the denomination in South Dakota. It is situated in Beresford, and has greatly prospered in the twelve years of its existence. The congregation was organized in 1884 with a membership of twelve families by Rev. M. P. Horgan; he was succeeded by Rev. Edward Power, now pursuing his labors in North Dakota; he by Rev. Michael J. Nolan; he by Rev. Leonard, now in Canada; he by Rev. Anthony O'Hara, of Texas; he by Rev. J. W. Gavin; he by Rev. Quinlan, now in the Black Hills; he by Rev. Anthony O'Hara again; he by Rev. Leonard again; and the latter by Very Rev. George Sheehan, dean, the present incumbent. The congregation first worshipped in a small building, but as the members increased larger quarters were necessary, and so a more commodious church was erected. The present congregation consists of ninety families and numbers some 600 people. Plans for a new church building, together with a parochial school, have been draughted; the former will cost \$12,000, be constructed of brick, and will be one of the finest edifices to be found throughout the state. The Sunday-school is attended by seventy children, and the society known as the League of the Sacred Heart has a membership of 120. The formation of a branch

of the Catholic Knights of America is also contemplated.

Very Rev. George Sheehan, dean of conference and pastor of St. Theresa church, is widely known and respected by all classes without regard to religious affiliations. Father Sheehan was born in Ireland and educated in the college of St. Patrick, at Carlow, where he took up the classics. He was graduated at LeGrand seminary, Montreal, Canada, where he finished the specified curriculum a fine, classical scholar, and was ordained a priest for Dakota territory September 29, 1880, at Dubuque, Iowa, by Bishop Hennessy, now archbishop. His labors from this time on have been characteristic of the enterprise for which he is famous. When he was assigned to Dakota territory there were but three priests in the portion which now constitutes the state of South Dakota, and he had headquarters at Yankton. Many of the now thriving congregations of the state have been organized by Father Sheehan, and numerous churches built as the result of his efforts. Among the towns where he has been instrumental in the erection of churches may be cited, Walshtown, Mayfield, Swan Lake, Lodi, Star Corners and Centerville. He became pastor at Mitchell in 1885, and while there the Holy Family school, which cost \$6,000, was constructed, which is one of the most prosperous in the state. He also built the church at Davis at a cost of \$3,000, which is the finest edifice in the state in a place of that size. Father Sheehan has been very industrious in his labors in the cause of the Catholic religion, and has never failed to respond when duty called. He has traveled over the prairies of the great northwest through snowstorms and blizzards with

nothing but a pocket compass to guide him, and his career, though short, as he is yet a young man, has been filled with thrilling experiences and incidents of self-sacrifice. The Reverend Father is dean of the eastern conference of South Dakota, and his jurisdiction extends over Union, Lincoln and portions of Turner and Clay counties. There are now five resident Catholic priests in Union county and over 500 families in attendance at the various places of worship, making Union the banner Catholic county of the state.

Father Sheehan's success is attributable in part to his fidelity to duty, as he never leaves undone those things that he ought to do, and never commits to anyone else any duty that he can perform himself. He is well beloved by his people, in whom he takes a deep interest and for whose highest welfare he is concerned. Notwithstanding his many cares he is still a student, and is a gentleman of rare culture and polish, reading the best magazines and publications, as well as the newspapers, and keeps well informed on all current topics. He talks fluently the French language, as well as the original Irish tongue; is a member of the Catholic Knights of America, and acts in the capacity of state spiritual director of that order for South Dakota.

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**ERNEST WENDT.** The town of Canton is the home of many gentlemen who have by industry and economy gained a competence in the prosecution of their various callings and retired from the active duties of business life. Such an one is the gentleman whose

name introduces these paragraphs. Mr. Wendt was formerly a merchant of Canton, where he was engaged in business until November, 1892, when he sold out, and has since been living in retirement, devoting his time to looking after his personal affairs and superintending the cultivation of an immense farm of some 800 acres.

The subject of this brief life history is a native of Germany, born near Hanover, June 23, 1840. In the fatherland he passed his boyhood and youth, acquiring during that time a good practical education, which is the birthright of every child of the empire, and when he was seventeen years old decided to emigrate to America, where he expected to gain the fame and the fortune that was denied him in the land of his birth. May 1, 1857, he landed in Freeport, Ill., and there found employment at different occupations for nearly six years. In 1863 he went to Davis, Ill., to take charge of a branch store of H. C. Burchard, a hardware merchant of Freeport, and after about a year and a half in this position he resigned in order to engage in general merchandising for himself. Just a year prior to his advent into Dakota territory he was engaged in business in Beloit, Iowa, but at the expiration of that time he crossed over the river and established himself in Canton township, where he remained until locating in the town of Canton on the completion of the railroad. In the latter place he conducted his business until he sold out, as stated above.

Were we to sum up his life in one word that word would be *Success*. His worldly possessions have been constantly increasing ever since his start in this country, which was made under rather adverse circumstances, and through well-directed energy,

supplemented with a good capacity for labor, he is now enabled to enjoy the fruit of his toil. That he possesses a well-balanced mind and is a good manager is attested by the fact that his own exertions are responsible for his present prosperous circumstances. He has taken a prominent part in the advancement of all enterprises which tend to promote the public good, and as a taxpayer helps to swell the county and state treasuries with his share of taxes on 800 acres of land. This is all well-tilled and highly cultivated, the most of which he has improved himself.

The lady who shares our subject's joys and sorrows was formerly Miss Fredericka Augusta Meinzer, who was also a native of the German empire, brought by her parents to America when but two years old and raised in Stephenson county, Ill. Her marriage to Mr. Wendt occurred in Davis, Ill., the ceremony being performed August 28, 1866, and their union has been blessed with three children, viz.: Luella, the wife of E. J. Straw; Edward L. and Cyrus L. The latter is a promising young medical practitioner, of Canton, and below will be found a sketch of his career up to the present time. Mr. Wendt is a strong Republican politically, and has voted for that party's candidates ever since his first ballot was cast. Both he and wife are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, at which they are regular attendants.

CYRUS L. WENDT, M. D., the youngest son of the gentleman whose name heads the foregoing sketch, is one of the rising professional men of Canton. He first saw the light in Davis, Ill., May 18, 1873, and was reared in Canton, S. Dak., receiving his elementary education in the public schools





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of the latter city. This he supplemented with a course at the Agricultural college at Brookings, S. Dak., and also the Valparaiso (Indiana) Normal school, from which he entered the Rush Medical college, of Chicago, graduating from the latter institution in the class of '95. After a post-graduate course in the science of medicine in New York, he completed his studies in Berlin, Germany, and in January, 1896, began the practice of his profession in his home town. His education has placed him in the possession of a thorough knowledge of the art of healing, and already, although probably the youngest practitioner in the city, he has been appointed superintendent of the Lincoln county board of health and the position of coroner of the same county. With such confidence in his ability by the community, who so early in his career bestow on him these important positions, we do not hesitate in predicting a bright and useful future in his prosecution of a noble profession.

**O**TTO A. RUDOLPH, the prominent and well-known hardware merchant of Canton, of whom a portrait is presented in connection with this sketch, is a native of the kingdom of Saxony, Germany, and was born August 3, 1850. His parents, Otto and Henrietta (Schroeder) Rudolph, emigrated to America when he was but two years old, and first located in Chicago, later settling on a farm near Manchester, Delaware Co., Iowa. On this farm our subject spent the earlier years of his life, and later found employment in machine shops in various places until 1865, when he began working

at the tinner's trade in McGregor, Iowa. After completing his apprenticeship in 1868, he removed to Sioux City, Iowa, and followed the trade there about four years, at the expiration of that time removing to Cherokee, Iowa, and establishing himself in business there. For another four years he made the latter place his home, and then in December, 1875, came to Canton, Dak. Ter., purchased the hardware business of Messrs. Keller Brothers, and took possession of the store the following spring.

Mr. Rudolph is one of the earliest settlers of Canton, and has been engaged in the hardware business in South Dakota longer than any other person or firm in the state. During a residence of over twenty years in Lincoln county he has made many strong friendships, and is widely and favorably known throughout this region, his probity and integrity giving him a high place among the best citizens. He has brought the powers of his mind to bear upon business, politics and various matters which pertain to the life of the community in general. He has erected several fine buildings in Canton, and has been closely identified with the progress of the city. In political sentiment he is a Republican, having long ago decided that that party stood on the truest foundation of public policy, and has always supported it by voice and vote.

Our subject was happily married in Canton, October 6, 1879, to Miss Anna Miller, a native of Wisconsin, and a daughter of Maj. W. H. Miller, of Canton. This union has been productive of an interesting family of three daughters, viz.: Lucretia, Florence and Alice. Mr. Rudolph is a member of the Knights of Pythias

and is one of the oldest Odd Fellows, in length of membership, in Canton, being a member of Centennial lodge of that order.

**M**ARTIN DE LONG is an honorable member of the farming class of Lincoln county and is a respected citizen of Canton township, where he is busily engaged in the management of the farm, of which he is the fortunate proprietor. He was born in Portage county, Ohio, and is the son of Reuben F. and Lydia (Streeter) De Long, whose biography will be found at length in the sketch of the brother of our subject, Mr. Henry De Long, in another part of this Record.

Martin De Long passed the days of boyhood up to his tenth year in Ohio, and then accompanied his parents to Will county, Ill., where they resided for three years, later removing to Livingston county, of the same state. In the latter county our subject grew to manhood, being reared on a farm, and his lot was such as usually falls to a farmer lad's life; that is, in the ordinary run of the occupation of a farmer, but in this particular instance the extraordinary part was the Civil war. When that period of strife broke out, our subject's patriotic spirit was aroused, and as soon as he could, which was in August, 1862, he enlisted in company A, One Hundred and Twentieth Illinois regiment, infantry. He saw active service till June, 1865, when he was mustered out. He participated in several skirmishes with his regiment, was in the engagement at Buzzard's Roost and at the battle of Resaca, Ga., was shot through the left arm, but not severely wounded. After

receiving an honorable discharge he returned to his former home in Livingston county, Ill., and there engaged in the photograph business for about a year. At the expiration of that time he started on a tour to the Rocky mountains, and in that region of the country remained for about three years, being chiefly employed in surveying with a government surveying party, engaged in locating the Union Pacific railroad. Early in the spring of 1869 he returned to Illinois, and in May of the same year came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. He took up a claim of 160 acres on section 3 of Canton township, and has since made his home there, improving the land, erecting a line of substantial buildings for the housing of his stock, grain, etc., and incidentally adding to his worldly possessions.

Mr. De Long socially belongs to the Gen. Lyon post No. 11, G. A. R., at Canton. As a politician he has taken quite an active interest in local affairs, having held many of the offices of the township, and besides this, is a zealous worker and uses his influence in the cause of temperance, being a staunch advocate for the suppression of the strong drink evil.

**N**H. GAMBLE, one of the most prominent and successful farmers of Parker township, who has his home in section 5 of that civil subdivision of Turner county, was born in Bradford county, Pa., February 23, 1841. William G. Gamble, the father of our subject, was born in Miami county, Ohio, and his father, William Gamble, was a native of Ireland, who came to America in 1812 and located in Pennsylvania, where he was



married. He and wife settled in Ohio, and afterward went back to Pennsylvania, where she died. Mr. Gamble then removed to Illinois and settled in Montgomery county, where he resided until 1850, when he started for California overland on horseback. There he remained two years and returned by water to Carroll county, Ill., dying there in 1863 at the age of seventy-six years.

William G. Gamble was about ten years old when his parents removed from Ohio to Pennsylvania, and in the latter state he grew to maturity and was married to Miss Malinda Goodell, a native of Vermont, and quite young when she removed with her parents to Pennsylvania. After marriage they settled in Herick township, Bradford Co., Pa., where he followed his trade of carpenter and joiner. Their next location was in Illinois, where he went in 1846 and took up 160 acres of land in Rock Creek township, Carroll county. It was all uncultivated land then, which he improved and resided on until 1868. In the spring of that year he removed to Benton county, Iowa, purchasing a farm of 120 acres in Eden township, and there remained until 1876. At that time he bought a farm of forty acres in Greene county, Iowa, and in 1885 sold out his property there and returned to Benton county, Iowa, where he died at the age of sixty-eight years. Mrs. Gamble is yet spared to this world, and lives in Benton county, Iowa. They were the parents of eight children, N. H. Gamble being the eldest, and then as follows in the order of their birth: Melancthon, of Ogle county, Ill.; Polly L., the wife of H. S. Blocher, of Benton county, Iowa; Wealthy, who died at the age of thirteen years; Emily, the wife of J. H. Dingman, of Buena Vista county,

Iowa; George and Melinda, both deceased; and Walter E., of Buena Vista county, Iowa.

The subject of this biography was five years old when his parents located in Carroll county, Ill.; there he assisted on the farm, attending the district schools for an education, and remained at home until his marriage, October 5, 1865, to Miss Mary E. Blocher, a native of Connecticut, born in Litchfield county, October 2, 1841. She is a daughter of J. M. and H. S. (Shafer) Blocher, both born in Germany, where they were reared. They married in New York and had a family of nine children, viz.: George, deceased; William L., Hannah S., George; William L., deceased; Henry S., Rebecca, Agnes and Mrs. Gamble. The latter was the second child and about a year old when her parents moved to Pennsylvania, and eight years later they located in Lee county, Ill., where she passed her girlhood, grew to maturity and was married to our subject. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gamble located on a farm in Eden township; Mr. Gamble also purchased some property in Big Grove township, but lived on the first named until the spring of 1876. At that time he disposed of that property, and located in Greene county, Iowa, buying there a farm of 160 acres, which he brought to a high state of cultivation and improved with buildings and by setting out trees and shrubs. In the spring of 1881 he took his family to what is now Turner county, S. Dak., and purchased the farm of 160 acres where he now resides. The farm was nothing but raw prairie land when he located on it, but he set to work breaking it, building fences, erecting good, substantial buildings, and now has a fine piece of property, on

which he conducts a general farming business.

Mr. and Mrs. Gamble are the parents of four children—Bertha, wife of W. H. Ward, of California; Henry E., of Parker township, Turner county; Eva L., wife of C. L. Harper, of Parker, S. Dak.; and Arthur C., at home. Mr. Gamble is a Republican politically, and has been since his first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln, second term. He has always taken considerable interest in religious matters, being one of the prime movers in the organization of the Presbyterian church in Eden township, Benton Co., Iowa, to which denomination he and family belong, and also at Paton, Greene Co., Iowa. He was elected elder in both the foregoing churches, and also holds that position in the Parker Presbyterian church. Mrs. Gamble's father was also an active worker in religious matters; was the organizer of the first Congregational church at Bradford, Pa., and of the first church of that denomination at Amboy, Ill.; the last mentioned was in 1841, and before the present town of Amboy was established.

ELMER FRANCIS LETCHER is one of the young members of the legal profession now practicing in Canton who have already made a name and a place for themselves among the able lawyers of that town, and he is thought to have a brilliant future before him.

Mr. Letcher naturally takes great interest in tracing his ancestors, whose lives date back to early colonial times. His parents, Francis O. and Dilana (Houghton) Letcher, settled in Southbridge, Mass., in

the spring of 1872, where they still reside. The former was of French descent and was born at St. Hyacinthe, in the province of Quebec, Canada, October 1, 1839; he participated in the Civil war from its beginning to the close of hostilities, being a member of the First Connecticut regiment, heavy artillery. Mrs. Letcher was of Scotch-English ancestry, and was born in Union, Tolland Co., Conn., June 6, 1840. Her ancestors can be traced back as far as 1678, when her mother's great grandfather, John Lawson, was born in Linlithgow, Scotland. He came to America, bringing with him his wife and three young children, it being his intention to locate in Pennsylvania. The ship was wrecked on the coast of Nova Scotia, however, and Mr. Lawson and his family finally made their way to Worcester, Mass., where the great grandfather of Mrs. Letcher, Capt. Thomas Lawson, was born. He afterward removed to Union, Tolland Co., Conn., which has been the birthplace of four generations, it being the place where Mrs. Letcher was born, and also her mother and grandfather. Mr. and Mrs. Letcher were the parents of four children, viz: Rosalie V., the wife of Chester Ewing; Elmer F., the subject of this biography; Annie J., and Ethel Esther, who is now the wife of Joseph Pfeiffer.

Elmer Francis Letcher was born in Union, Tolland Co., Conn., September 28, 1866. This town is near the Massachusetts state line, and there he lived with his parents until the spring of 1872, when they took him with the balance of the family to Southbridge, Mass. Elmer was reared on a farm, and received his elementary education in the public schools of Southbridge. Later he took the classical course in the high

school of that town and was graduated therefrom March 20, 1885. He was naturally endowed with capacity for hard study, and he improved every opportunity, the result of which was the first place at the head of his class, having an average of ninety-eight per cent. for the work of the entire course. At the graduation of his class he was valedictorian and delivered the oration, receiving the highest testimonials from the chairman of the board of education, as well as from the superintendent of the city schools. Mr. Letcher then became a student at Yale college, taking the academic course, and from this institution he was graduated with high honors in the class of '89. He remained at Yale another year, taking a post-graduate course in history, political science and law, and after the completion of his studies came to South Dakota. The summer of 1891 sees our subject fairly started in the reading of law in the office of the Hon. T. H. Null, of Huron, S. Dak., and this he continued for two years, engaging in the meantime in teaching, holding the prominent and responsible position of principal of the high schools of Mellette, St. Lawrence and Clark, S. Dak. Mr. Letcher was admitted to the bar at Redfield, Spink Co., S. Dak., being the Fifth judicial circuit, of which the Hon. A. W. Campbell was presiding judge, May 9, 1893, after passing a very rigid examination. After his admission he began the practice of his profession in Huron for a short time, but gave it up and resumed teaching till the summer of 1895. In the fall of that year he located in Canton, where he has since devoted his time and attention to legal matters. November 9, 1896, he was admitted on motion to practice before the supreme court of the

state of South Dakota. Mr. Letcher is recognized as a thoroughgoing young lawyer and possesses the mental ability, legal training and powers of speech which enable him to make a good showing in court and council room, and is personally honorable, just and straightforward.

**COL. HARVEY H. VINTON.** It is doubtful if there now resides in Clay county a man more generally respected and looked upon as honorable and useful in his day and generation than Col. Vinton, whose life history it is our purpose to briefly outline. He is the owner of 320 acres of valuable improved land, half in Bethel township, section 9, and the remaining quarter section in Yankton county, where he has a home furnished with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He has not always been a farmer, although he was reared amid rural surroundings and thoroughly learned the vocation in his early life. As a workman in one of the trades he has been equally painstaking and true, being one of those men who believe that "whatever is worth doing is worth doing well."

He was born in Leroy, Genesee Co., N. Y. September 16, 1821, a son of Nathaniel and Asenath (Knapp) Vinton. They were both natives of Northampton, Mass., and died in Michigan, Mr. Vinton in Ionia county and his good wife in Kent county. They had a family of nine children who lived to grow to man and womanhood, three sons and six daughters, and our subject was the eldest. He passed the early years of his life in his native place, and then at the age of sixteen years accompanied his

parents to Portage county, Ohio. In the latter place he remained four years, at the expiration of which time he returned to the Empire state, and in Genesee county the following few months worked at his trade of stone mason, which vocation he had learned in Ohio. From New York he went to Upper Canada, stayed there four years working at his trade, and then came back to the states and located in Ionia county, Mich. There he engaged in farming, also doing odd jobs in stone setting, until the breaking out of the Civil war, which had not long been in progress ere he had made arrangements to take his place at the front. In 1862 he was enrolled as a member of company M, Sixth Michigan cavalry and served about three years and a half. He enlisted as a private soldier and was mustered into service October 11, 1862, and commissioned first lieutenant. From that time on for meritorious service he was constantly promoted, first to captain of the company, then to major, and when mustered out at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., held the rank of lieutenant colonel. Col. Vinton took part in several decisive battles, and was wounded seven times in as many different engagements. He was shot twice in the Shenandoah valley and June 11, 1864, by the bursting of a shell lost the sight of his right eye and the hearing of his right ear. Three days before the surrender of Lee he was again wounded, this time being shot through the right breast.

After receiving an honorable discharge at Jackson, Mich., Col. Vinton returned to Ionia county, where he remained about five years, and then, in 1872, came to Clay county, Dak. Ter., and took up the claim where he now lives in Bethel township and

has since resided. He is a man who takes a live interest in all local affairs, and though he has passed his three score and ten years of life, is still hale and hearty, and his intellect unimpaired.

Col. Vinton was married in Blenheim, Ontario, July 6, 1845, to Miss Sylvia Sprague, who was born in Erie county, N. Y., September 16, 1818. She is a daughter of Silas and Roxiana (Benedict) Sprague, the former a native of Rhode Island, and the latter of the Empire state. They had eleven children, six sons and five daughters, and Mrs. Vinton was the fifth in order of birth. Col. and Mrs. Vinton have been blessed in their married life by three children—Mary, the wife of Charles D. Pease; Cassius M., and Harvey B.—and they both have taken much interest in religious matters, holding membership in the Congregational church. The colonel is a Mason and also a Grand Army man, belonging to the Sol Merritt post at Wakonda.

**H**ON. MICHAEL J. WHITE. But few names are more widely known and honored throughout Union county than that of Hon. Michael J. White, who is eminent alike as a farmer and as a gentleman of marked ability. A resident of Prairie township since 1873, he has done as much as anyone to advance the interests and welfare of the community, and his hand has given an impetus to many important movements that have greatly aided in the rise and growth of the county.

Mr. White is a native of county Tipperary, Ireland, and was born November 1, 1838. He grew to maturity in the land of his birth, serving seven years as an appren-

tice at ornamental marble work. In 1861 he decided there was a broader field for his labor in America, and he emigrated to this country. He first settled at Syracuse, N. Y., where he followed his trade for two years, and then went to Franklin, Pa. That same year (1866) he went to Nashville, and then to Springfield, Ill. In all these various places he worked at his trade, and in Springfield was employed in the construction of the Lincoln monument. He located on his present farm, in section 11 of Prairie township, Union county, in 1873, which was the beginning of his agricultural career, he having had no previous experience in the farming line. All the improvements on his 500 acres, which include three complete sets of commodious farm buildings, have been placed there by himself, and besides a general farming business, has also dealt extensively in cattle and hogs ever since coming here.

Our subject began his battle for existence empty-handed, and is distinctly a self-made man, having acquired all his possessions by his own labor and industry. He is liberal to a fault, and one of Union county's prominent public-spirited citizens, identifying himself with every scheme put forth which is calculated to advance the public good. He helps fill the county treasury by paying more taxes than anyone in his neighborhood, and takes an active interest in school matters. He organized the school district in which he resides, and has been a member of the board of directors ever since its establishment, with the exception of one term. Politically he is independent, but formerly voted the Democratic ticket, and has always borne a prominent part in county politics. He has been a member of the

board of supervisors of Prairie township for several years, and in 1890 was elected to the state legislature, serving one term. In this body he was appointed chairman of the committee on highways and bridges, and as such accomplished much in favor of good roads. Mr. White has been a member of the Farmers' Alliance, was president of the local lodge and vice-president of the county alliance.

To the cultured lady who presides over the household our subject was united in marriage in 1868. She bore the maiden name of Bridget Ann O'Reilly, and is a native of Ireland. Her brother, Robert O'Reilly, is a resident of this county. To Mr. and Mrs. White have been born fourteen children, seven of whom are living, viz.: Mrs. Martha McIlvanna, of Prairie township, who is the mother of three children; William Henry, a student at the Valparaiso Normal school; John Francis, attending the Normal school at La Mars, Iowa; Thecla Ann, Jennie, Robert James and Loretta. The family are all members of the Beresford Catholic church. Mrs. White possesses all the characteristics of a true woman, and is an excellent housekeeper, making the home of which she is mistress cosy and comfortable for its inmates.

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JOHN HEGLIN is a fine representative of the farming interests of Lincoln county, on section 28, Brooklyn township, of which he makes his home. By his able management he has not only improved a valuable farm, but has been no unimportant factor in extending the agricultural interests of this region.

Our subject is a native of Sweden and a son of Hans Heglin, who in 1868 emigrated with his family from the Scandinavian peninsula and settled in Omaha, Nebr. He lived there for a year and then removed to Dakota territory, taking up a homestead in Garfield township, Clay county. He still lives at an advanced age in that county, but his present farm is situated in Pleasant Valley township. John Heglin first opened his eyes to the light January 11, 1852, and was raised until sixteen years of age in the land of his birth, receiving the most of his education there, which was supplemented by a few short terms in the public schools of Omaha. In 1871 he went to live with his father in Clay county, and in 1872 entered a homestead of 160 acres in Brooklyn township, Lincoln county, it being the southwest quarter of section 27. He had no money and was compelled to work out for others to make both ends meet, but he succeeded, working at intervals in constructing a dug-out on his place, and in this took up his abode. Hardship and privation were of course the lot of the few pioneers who had settled there, and our subject was not fortunate enough to escape any of the trials. One incident which occurred during his early residence on his claim, though laughable now, was not so funny when it happened, and clearly shows "man's inhumanity to man." After a hard day's toil our subject on returning to his dug-out prepared his meager supper and then went to bed. During the night some one made off with the door of his dug-out, but he slept on peacefully unmindful of the snow which was rapidly falling, and when he finally woke up in the morning found himself buried under about a foot of snow and nearly frozen

stiff. In another of the blizzards he lost his way but succeeded in getting to Bloomingdale mill where he passed the balance of the night. The grasshoppers, too, added to his hard lot by devastating his property of the product of his labor in the summer, and all in all a man with less determination than he would have given up in disgust. He, however, persevered, and in time brought "order out of chaos" as it were, and is now the happy owner of one of the best improved farms in the township. He has 160 acres now, seven acres of which are planted with various fruit trees, all bearing. He devotes his time exclusively to the breeding of poultry and milch cows, renting out his farm, and in his chosen line is succeeding wonderfully.

Our subject was married in January, 1891, to Miss Lizzie Hed, also a native of Sweden, who came to America when about eighteen years old, and they are the parents of three children, viz.: Alice Fredina, Joseph Nathaniel, and Victoria Josephina. The children are all having their education carefully looked after, and are being brought up in the religious faith of their parents, Lutheran.

Mr. Heglin is one of the earliest settlers now living in the locality, and as such has seen and helped in the development of the vast agricultural interests of the county. His health physically has been ruined through hard work and exposure, though he is yet in the prime of life; but happily he has during his early labors laid by a portion of his earnings for a rainy day, and has no need of fear for the future. Politically he is affiliated with the Republican party till lately, but is now independent, casting his vote as his judgment directs. In township

local matters he has taken quite a degree of interest, and has served as chairman of the school board and also as road supervisor.

ANDREW J. WIMPLE, a public-spirited and enterprising farmer and stock raiser of Lincoln county, stands among the foremost men in his calling. He has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits almost exclusively, and is the proprietor of as good a farm as can be found in Brooklyn township, his homestead being located there in section 11.

He is a native of the Empire state, and a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Yates) Wimple, both natives of New York. A. J. Wimple was born in Allegany county, October 8, 1851. His father died when he was yet in infancy, and in 1852, his mother removed to and settled in Rock county, Wis., where she remained a short time, and then located in Butler county, Iowa. She now makes her home in Minnesota. Young Wimple grew to maturity in the Hawkeye state on a farm, attending the district schools during the winter months of his early boyhood. When he was but fourteen years of age he was compelled to look out for himself, and for the next five years he worked on one farm steady for his board and \$14 to \$20 per month. In 1871 he came to Clay county, Dak. Ter., and settled upon a claim in township 92, range 51. He continued to reside there until he was married, which occurred in 1877, and the year after removed with his wife to the farm whereon he now has his home. It was all wild land then, but under his careful management he has brought it to a high state of cultivation, fenced it neatly and has sur-

rounded the residence with a nice grove of trees, all of his own planting. The grove consists of fifteen acres and his orchard contains 200 trees. All the necessary out-buildings he has also constructed, and arranged them conveniently for the prosecution of his farm work. He does a general farming and stock-raising business, and has been making a specialty of breeding Poland-China hogs, at which he has succeeded fairly well. His is truly a model farm in all that the word implies, and he may well be justly proud of it, as it is all of his own making, and the result of hard labor. He is essentially a self-made man, having begun life with nothing, and the beautiful farm of which he is the fortunate owner reflects credit on his thrift and enterprise.

The estimable lady who presides over the economies of the household bore the maiden name of Miss Adelia P. Le Suer, and was born in the state of New York. To her and Mr. Wimple have been born four living children, viz.: Della E., Ethel B., Jessie L. and Clara A. Mrs. Wimple is a member of the Rebecca lodge and treasurer of that organization.

Our subject politically has been a Republican, but is now a Populist. On the latter ticket in 1892 he was a candidate for county treasurer, and in 1896 was nominated on the free silver ticket for the legislature from his district. He has always taken an active interest in township and county politics, and has been instrumental in developing the Canton Leader as a reform paper and bringing it to its present condition and reputation. Besides the various school positions he has held, he has also served his fellow townsmen as clerk and road overseer of the township and as a



member of the town board, serving as chairman of the latter body. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F. at Beresford.

**H**ENRY S. GRAVES, M. D., is successfully practicing his profession in the town of Hurley and is considered one of the best physicians in this part of the country. He is a native of Williamstown, Vt., and was born July 13, 1856, to Charles T. and Sarah (Saunders) Graves, both of whom died in the Green Mountain state, Mr. Graves in May, 1893, and his good wife the year previous in June. They had two children, a son and daughter.

Our subject was the eldest, and until he was twelve years of age made his home on his father's farm, at which time he accompanied his parents to Montpelier. There his father engaged in the produce business for several years, and Henry had the advantage of attending the graded schools of the city, becoming quite proficient in the lower branches. At the age of eighteen years he came west to Elgin, Ill., and took up his home with an uncle, during which time he attended the academy at Elgin, and later, having decided on the profession of medicine as his life work, became a student at the Bennett Medical college of Chicago. From this latter institution he graduated in 1886, and shortly after he went south to Marfa, Tex., where he opened up an office for the practice of his profession. He remained in the Lone Star state but a few months, however, from where he came north to St. Paul and then to Buffalo, N. Dak., finally locating in the spring of 1888 in Hurley, Turner county, which town he has

since made his headquarters. He has gained a good reputation as a skillful, conscientious practitioner and enjoys a large and lucrative patronage.

Dr. Graves was married in Streator, Ill., March 20, 1886, to Miss Nellie J. Kinyon, a native of Elgin, and to this union has been born one daughter, Irene, a bright little lady, one year and a half old. The Doctor is a member of Hurley lodge No. 75, I. O. O. F., being the present district deputy grand master of that order, and also belongs to camp No. 1169, M. W. of A.

**B**B. WRIGHT, whose sketch now claims attention, is a native of the Hawkeye state, and a son of Elias W. and Christina (Folck) Wright.

The former was an early settler of Iowa, having located there when but a young man, on an unimproved farm in Clinton county, and there passed from time to eternity.

The gentleman to whom these lines particularly refer first opened his eyes to the light of day in Clinton county, Iowa, September 10, 1846, and was raised in the place of his nativity, his father dying when he was but a child. He attended such schools as were afforded the youth of his day, and when less than sixteen years of age enlisted in the United States army in the defense of the National honor. Three brothers of our subject were also soldiers in the late war: Erastus L., of the Twenty-sixth Iowa regiment, infantry, now deceased; Abraham, of the Seventh Iowa regiment, cavalry; and George W., a member of the same company and regiment as our subject. The latter was captured by the rebel forces



at Poison Springs, Ark., and held prisoner for nine months; he is now deceased. B. B. Wright was enrolled a member of company A, Eighteenth Iowa regiment, infantry, in June, 1862, and after being sent to St. Louis was ordered with his regiment to Sedalia, Mo., where they were mustered into Gen. Curtis' command. Our subject participated in the engagements at Springfield, Mo., and Poison Springs, Ark., and also did garrison duty at the former place, besides taking part in numerous skirmishes. The regiment was then sent to Little Rock, Ark., and August 5, 1865, Mr. Wright was mustered out and discharged at Davenport, Iowa. During his entire term of service he was neither wounded nor taken prisoner, and when mustered out held the rank of sergeant of his company, having been promoted from corporal.

After the close of hostilities Mr. Wright continued to make his home in Iowa until he arrived in Dakota territory, which was in 1871, when he settled on his present farm. At that time not a wagon track nor a plow furrow was to be seen near the locality where he decided to make his home, and the surrounding country looked little, if any, better than a wilderness. His first task was the erection of some place of shelter, and, after completing a cabin, he started in to improve his future home. Although the industrious little insects known familiarly as grasshoppers made off with his crops for several years in succession, and in various other ways he suffered hardship and privation, he was undismayed and kept steadily at his toil. As a result he is now able to look over his 160 acres on section 2 of Brooklyn township with satisfaction and just pride, because thereon

he has a fine, thrifty orchard, which has been bearing for the past sixteen years, various kinds of substantial farm buildings for the prosecution of his business, which includes a comfortable residence, and last, but not least, a well cultivated piece of land, which, under his careful management and direction, is made to produce abundantly. He conducts exclusively a farming business.

Mr. Wright, as one of the earliest settlers, has been closely identified with the progress of the community; he helped organize the township in which he resides, and has ever since taken an active interest in its welfare, having been assessor and also a member of the town board and its chairman; he at present holds office in this body. As an officer of the school board he has devoted much of his time to the interests of education, and politically he affiliates with the Republican party. Mr. Wright has also served in the highest office within the gift of the people of a county—that of sheriff—to which position he was elected in 1886, and served four years. Socially he holds membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, belongs to the Masonic fraternity at Canton, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Lennox.

To the lady who has charge of the household affairs, our subject was united in marriage February 28, 1869. She bore the maiden name of Miss Margaret J. Walrod, and is a native of the same county in Iowa in which her husband was born. Their domestic life has been one of happiness and only marred by the death of their only daughter, Amy C., who was stricken down by the grim hand of death when but seven-teen years of age.

JACOB H. MILLAGE. One of the pleasant farms of Bethel township, Clay county, is that owned and operated by this gentleman, who has placed upon it such improvements as entitle it to rank among the finest farms to be found throughout the community.

Joseph and Catherine (Cramer) Millage, the parents of our subject, were both natives of New York, and to them were born eleven children, of whom Jacob H. was the second. His natal day was August 20, 1840, and his birthplace, Owego, Tioga Co., N. Y. He passed his boyhood and youth in his native county, where he was reared on a farm, and at the age of seventeen he started out to seek his own fortune. He went west to Black Hawk county, Iowa, where he secured employment, working out on farms for the following nine years, and then the next three years he engaged in the grain business in the town of Raymond in the same county, later purchasing a farm which he conducted until his arrival in Dakota territory. In the spring of 1872 he located in section 8 of Bethel township, Clay county, and here he has ever since been a resident. He is the fortunate owner of 1,540 acres of good land, and on his home farm he has erected a complete set of substantial buildings which are conveniently disposed and arranged in a manner calculated to lessen to the smallest extent the work necessary to carry on the farming operations.

Mr. Millage was married in Waterloo, Iowa, January 20, 1864, to Miss Carrie A. Dickerson, a native of Stueben county, N. Y., born August 1, 1846. Her father and mother, Jeremiah and Hannah Z. (Corwin) Dickerson, were both natives of and died in

the Empire state. Mr. and Mrs. Millage have been blessed in their married life by the advent of eleven children, of whom we note the following: Carl Gay and Frank C., deceased; Orvis C., Burr C., Ralph J., Fred Grant, Lillie M. and Dollie M., deceased; Inez A., Ethel, deceased; and Carl G.

Mr. Millage has held the office of justice of the peace and several of the minor positions of the township, and in all local affairs takes quite a degree of interest. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, and staunchly supports its candidates by both voice and vote.

JONAS MINOT. Although he has not yet completed the ascent of the sunny side of the hill of life, this gentleman has risen to a position of considerable prominence in Brooklyn township, Lincoln county, being one of those who reach out beyond the walls of their own home in advancing the public weal. Having determined to pursue the calling of a farmer, he has been energetic in prosecuting his work, ever ready to take advantage of new ideas which, after due consideration, promise to be beneficial. He is now located on section 11, and is operating 640 acres of fine land, dividing his attention between general farming and stock raising.

Mr. Minot traces his paternal ancestors back through many generations, Elder George Minot being the originator of the family bearing that name in America. He was a son of Thomas Minot, Esq., who was one of the prominent men of his day in England and secretary to the abbot of Wal-

den. Elder George Minot emigrated to America in the sailing vessel "Mary and John" in early colonial days, and Jonas Minot is one of his direct descendants. Our subject is a son of Jonas Minot, Sr., a native of New Hampshire, born in 1812, and he was a son of Capt. James Minot, who was an officer in the war of 1812, a representative and also senator in the New Hampshire legislature, and an extensive land owner of that state. Capt. James Minot's father was Deacon Samuel Minot, of Concord, Mass., and he was a son of Dr. James Minot, who graduated from Harvard college in 1675. Capt. John Minot was Dr. James Minot's paternal parent, and he was a son of Elder George Minot, the founder of the family in this country, as stated above.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Miss Electa F. Morton, a daughter of Daniel Oliver and Lucretia (Parsons) Morton, and a sister of ex-Vice President Levi P. Morton. Another brother, Daniel Oliver Morton, Jr., was United States attorney for Ohio under President Pierce, and was a law partner of Chief Justice Waite, of that state, prior to his demise. Mrs. Minot was born in 1820, and her marriage to Mr. Minot occurred May 7, 1849. They are the parents of five children, viz.: Anna B., deceased; Electa Morton, Jonas, Daniel Morton, now a resident of Brockport, N. Y., and Mary Lucretia. Jonas Minot, Sr., died October 21, 1891; Mrs. Minot survives, and makes her home in Brockport, N. Y. She is a member of the Congregational church, her father having been a minister of that denomination, and her husband also lived and died in that faith.

Jonas Minot, the subject of this short biography, first saw the light June 18, 1853, in Brockport, N. Y. He was reared and grew to manhood there, receiving an academical education which amply fitted him for the battle of life. When he first came west, which was in 1878, he settled temporarily in Brooklyn township, and three years later he purchased and located permanently on the farm which he now occupies. It was, practically speaking, all wild at that time, but many fine improvements have been placed upon it in the way of good, substantial buildings, etc., since it came into his possession, and has developed under his careful and efficient management from a most primitive condition to one of the best farming properties in that section of the county. The 640 acres are all improved and made to produce abundant crops. He oversees more than 1,000 acres, and does an exclusive farming business, although he occasionally acts as agent for eastern capitalists in making loans.

The estimable lady who presides so graciously over the household of our subject became his wife April 7, 1881. Mrs. Minot bore the maiden name of Miss Josephine Hastings, and was born in Malone, N. Y., July 9, 1856, a daughter of Joseph and Delia M. Hastings. She comes of the old New England stock, her ancestors having been early settlers of the Empire state. The household of Mr. and Mrs. Minot is completed by three children, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Mary Electa, Lucia Adelia and Grace Morton. Levi P. Morton, the youngest, died October 15, 1896, aged one year. The family all attend the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Minot is a steward and also

trustee. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party and besides acting as clerk of his school district, has served his fellow townsmen in various other official capacities, among which are the positions of township clerk and assessor.

**C**HARLES A. JONES. Among the many prosperous and prominent younger members of the farming community of Union county may well be named the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is possessed of unbounded energy and enterprise, and has arrived at his present comfortable circumstances by the exercise of earnest industry and the strictest honesty.

The parents of our subject are John S. and Eliza C. (Scott) Jones, the former a native of Claremont, N. H., born in 1822 and the latter born in 1828, in the town of Sharon, Schoharie Co., N. Y. Mr. Jones was a farmer, and after his marriage to Miss Scott, they settled in Racine county, Wis., and later removed to Rochester, Wis., where he practiced as a veterinary surgeon. They had a family of eight children, six of whom still survive, viz.: Mary Frances, wife of William H. Fillmore; Henry C., of this county; Charles A.; Della, the wife of Albert Lower, of Racine county, Wis.; J. Wesley, of this county; and A. L., of Canton, S. D. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have since 1890 made their home with their children.

Charles A. Jones was born in Raymond, Racine Co., Wis., and first saw the light of day November 26, 1856. He was reared in Rochester, Wis., whither his parents had removed, and received his education there, learning during his maturer years the trade

of blacksmith. Mr. Jones came to Union county in 1878 and settled in Richland, where he worked at his trade for a period of three years, two years of which time he acted as postmaster of that village. In 1881 he settled on the farm which is now his home. This was his first venture as a farmer, and he has succeeded wonderfully. He has put many improvements on his farm of 160 acres, and has it all under cultivation. He does a general farming business, and is incidentally working up an extensive live-stock business. All that he has is the result of his untiring devotion to duty and excellent management of his affairs. He is a man of sound head and heart, is shrewd in his dealings, and withal upright in his transactions, and all who know him testify to the worth of his character. He takes an intelligent interest in the affairs of the community, and politically is a Populist, because he believes that by so voting he will advance the interests of the country. As a school officer he has served faithfully for sixteen years, and two years ago was a candidate for the office of register of deeds of Union county. Is now serving his ninth year as assessor of Prairie township on section 12 on which his farm is located. Socially he belongs to the A. O. U. W. and also the K. of P. at Beresford. In the latter he has held the office of prelate.

To the estimable lady who has charge of the Jones household affairs our subject was united in marriage in 1878. She was known in her maidenhood as Miss Eliza J. Smith, and is a native of Burlington, Wis., born in 1862. Her father, David Smith, is now a resident of Union county. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been blessed in their married life by the advent of two daughters,

Della Maud and Iva Lulu, who have received every advantage which parental love could compass, and are preparing for extended usefulness in the years to come.

**G**EORGE I. WILLSIE, an enterprising, successful, and highly respected farmer, located in section 7 of Parker township, Turner county, is one of the early settlers of the locality where he resides. By birth he is a Canadian and was born near Montreal April 29, 1854, a son of W. H. and Cynthia (Hardin) Willsie. The former was a native of New York, where he was reared and married our subject's mother, she being also a native of the Empire state. He was a farmer by occupation, and shortly after marriage removed to Canada, where he resided for about ten years, coming later to northern Iowa. There he engaged in the general merchandise business, owning several stores in the locality. The war then began in earnest, and he fed during that period of strife about one hundred families. His generosity proved disastrous to him and his business, and he lost nearly all he ever made. He died at the age of seventy years, and his wife at sixty-seven. They were the parents of nine children, two sons and seven daughters, all of whom are now living, viz.: Matilda, wife of Dr. A. B. Sage, of Michigan City, Ind.; Mrs. Helen Leggett, residing in Arkansas; Mrs. Luthera Beatie, of South Bend, Ind.; Mrs. Charity McClellan, a teacher in Des Moines, Iowa; Lucinda, a faith doctor of Chicago; Mrs. Cynthia Congdon, whose husband is an operator on the Chicago Board of Trade; Mrs. Mary Rankin,

residing in Missouri; H. H., also of Missouri; and our subject.

George was the eldest son and six months old when his parents removed to Iowa. When he was twelve years of age his father started farther west, first locating in Kansas, and then back to Iowa and later settled in Missouri, where his demise occurred. George remained with his parents and grew to maturity, attending the common schools of the districts where he resided and finishing with a course of study at Amity college, of College Springs, Page Co., Iowa. In 1875, when he was twenty-one years old, he started for California by railroad. He first went to Humboldt county and from there down the coast to Santa Rosa, and thence back to San Francisco. From the starting time until he came back to Missouri he was gone thirteen months, and on his return he and his brother rented a farm in Missouri, which they carried on for four years. At the expiration of that time our subject came to what is now South Dakota, entered a farm of 320 acres, built a sod house for shelter and started in to break up and improve his farm. He has worked hard and is now the owner of 200 acres of well-improved property, on which he has set out a grove of trees and built a good substantial house and outbuildings.

Mr. Willsie was married in 1883 to Miss Anna Bacher, a native of Pennsylvania, where she passed her girlhood, and by this union they have become the parents of three children, viz.: Belle, Helen, and Lois. Politically Mr. Willsie is a Populist and a strong supporter of the doctrines of that party. Is a member of the boards of education and supervisors, and also holds the position of United States statistical reporter.

Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F. No. 88, and A. O. U. W. No. 2, lodges at Parker, of both of which he is a member in good standing.

**M**ARTIN ABBOTT. A striking example of what can be accomplished by persistent industry and strict attention to business, is afforded in the life of Martin Abbott, one of the leading and well-to-do citizens of Dayton township, Lincoln county, who is engaged in the pursuit of agriculture.

Mr. Abbott was born in England, January 22, 1838, and was but eight years old when he came to the United States with his parents, William and Mary (Butler) Abbott. They settled on a farm in Washington county, Wis., and there the subject of our sketch grew to manhood, assisting in the cultivation of his father's farm, and secured such an education as was afforded in those days. When the Civil war broke out Mr. Abbott bravely shouldered arms in the defense of the honor of his adopted country, and served faithfully and well from August, 1862, when he enlisted, to the close of hostilities. His regiment, the Twenty-sixth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, in company G, of which he was a private, participated in many of the historic battles of that period of strife, among them being the battles of Chancellorsville, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, and Gettysburg, besides many others equally hard fought but of less fame. Mr. Abbott was shot in the right hand in the engagement at Chancellorsville, but this was the only battle in which he received a wound. He was with Gen. Sherman on his famous march to the

sea, and in fact saw active service all the time of his enlistment. After the war was over our subject returned to Washington county, Wis.; he had been mustered out June 13, 1865, and spent his time in his home until the spring of the following year, when he bought a farm near Waukesha, Wis. He made his home in the latter place for about ten years, improving and cultivating his property, and then he sold out and removed to Sheboygan county of the same state. Near the city of Sheboygan Falls he settled and continued to live until the fall of 1885, when he made his appearance in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. He had previously purchased a farm on section 35 of Dayton township, and on this property he located, and has since continued to reside. His estate is one of the finest in the county, comprising 800 acres of land, and on this is a complete set of buildings for every purpose. Mr. Abbott has followed farming all his life, except for a short time in Wisconsin, when he taught school, and his knowledge of the successful methods of conducting an estate of the size of the one he is the fortunate owner of, has all been acquired through the many years of training he has had in his chosen calling.

Mr. Abbott is a firm believer in the principles laid down in the Republican platform and is always ready to deposit his ballot in their support. He has proved a good acquisition to the citizenship of the locality where he resides, and has held many of the offices of the township, being a member of the school board, in which he takes much interest. As a delegate to the state conventions of his political party he has been chosen four times, and is, withal, a prominent man of the county. Socially, he be-





HON. CYRUS J. FRY

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longs to the G. A. R., and in his religious views is liberal, giving his hearty co-operation to all plans for the furtherance of the gospel.

Mr. Abbott has been twice married. September 13, 1865, he was wedded to Miss Sarah Ann Coates, a native of Milwaukee county, Wis., and she bore him six children, viz.: William M., S. Elizabeth, Nellie May and George H. Mary and Alice died in infancy. Mrs. Abbott died in Sheboygan county, February 6, 1877. The present wife of Mr. Abbott was in her maidenhood Jennie A. Blackwell; she is a native of New York, but was reared to womanhood in Waukesha county, Wis., where her marriage with our subject occurred November 14, 1877.

**H**ON. CYRUS J. FRY, deceased, formerly United States marshal, and one of Clay county's most prominent citizens, was born in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., May 13, 1850. He removed with his parents to Freeport, Ill., at the age of nine years, where he attended the schools of that city and afterwards entered the State Agricultural college at Champaign. He remained in this latter institution a period of three years, during which time it is said he showed himself to be an unusually bright student, and was very popular both with teachers and pupils. After leaving college he went to New York city, where for ten months he was connected with a prominent commission concern, and then for some time he was employed as bookkeeper for a Chicago wholesale house.

In youth Mr. Fry had imbibed a sort of

passion for rural pursuits, which led him to adopt an agricultural rather than a literary occupation as his life work, and so in 1873 he emigrated to Kansas, settling in Barton county, where he began his career as a farmer. He founded a sheep and hay ranch, in the conduct of which he made a decided success, and soon became one of the prominent and well-to-do citizens of the county. In 1876 he was elected to the state legislature of Kansas, and took an active part in the deliberations of that body. It is said that his was the decisive vote which elected the late Preston B. Plumb to the United States senate. In 1880 Mr. Fry removed to New Mexico, where he was assistant superintendent and paymaster of the Raton Coal company for two years, and in July, 1882, he came to Clay county, Dak. Ter. He engaged first in farming in Meckling township, at one time owning several hundred acres of land there; but he subsequently disposed of his real estate, and for several years prior to his death, which occurred in Deadwood May 27, 1893, he had been a resident of Vermillion. In 1884 our subject enjoyed election to the office of county commissioner, holding the office three years, and in 1888 he was elected treasurer of the county. His appointment as United States marshal occurred in December, 1889, by President Harrison, and this office he held at the time of his demise. Such, in brief, are the incidents of his life. The story of his death is familiar to all readers, though it perhaps will never be exactly narrated—perhaps cannot be.

The marriage of Mr. Fry and Miss Christiana Doratheia Breining was celebrated in Barton county, Kans., December 24, 1874, and to this union were born three children,

two of whom survive: Cyrus John, the first born, is deceased, then came Isaac George, and Anna Dorathea. Mr. Fry's father and mother are both spared to this world, as are also four of his brothers, George and Isaac, of Chicago; Will, of Arkansas; and Frank, of Sioux Falls; and six of his sisters, five of whom live in or near Freeport, Ill., and one, Mrs. Jesse Burchard, resides in Vermillion township, this county.

As a token of the high esteem and respect in which our subject was held by his many friends and acquaintances, we note the following few paragraphs clipped from the Dakota Republican.

"Until we gazed upon his lifeless features yesterday morning, we could not realize that Cyrus J. Fry was dead. It is scarce ten days since we looked into his face and grasped his hand. For nearly six years we have known him intimately. Not only have our relations been intimate, but they have been confidential. We have been brought together in divers way. His departure from this life is to us a personal loss. But not of our loss and bereavement do we wish to speak. In his death the public—city, county and commonwealth—suffers an irreparable loss. The city laments a loved citizen, the county has lost one of its most accomplished ex-officials, the state mourns for a distinguished and zealous commoner, the republic has missed one of its most faithful guardians and conservators; and last, but by no means least, an esteemed family is bereft of the love and care that none but a husband and father can bestow. Marshal Fry was a paladin in affairs of state; never was there a fairer foe, though he fought his fights to a finish; vindictiveness found no lodgment in his heart, and malice never entered into his mind. He was generous to a fault; he was the very incarnation of good nature; his friendship was free, full and fair, and genuine as gold. He had the cour-

age of his convictions; fidelity to duty was a cardinal virtue, and dissimulation was not one of the ingredients of his make-up. He was a public-spirited gentleman, and in this marked trait his motives were guided by principle, not policy. He simply couldn't help being ingenuous and unselfish. His generous impulses were never dulled; he was kindly and helpful and sympathetic, and by reason thereof men were bound to him by ties as endearing as they are lasting. He manifested his pride and interest in every local institution in substantial ways.

"Gentle and just; faithful and friendly—how easy to sum up his characteristics in a few words. And withal so affectionate in his home life. Wife and children to him were more than all else. No man ever lived a truer, purer domestic life, and his household was a happy one. To-day, at that home he loved so well, the community congregates with unanimity to pay a last tribute to his memory. This afternoon he will be laid to rest by fraternal brothers in the consecrated field overlooking the great river, the tributary area of which scarcely bounded the limits of his earthly activities. To-night, and, aye, for all time, until time is no longer, he will rest in peace, freed from pain, near home and among the people whom he loved and who long will cherish memories of him.

"Friend Fry—Farewell!"

#### A TOKEN OF RESPECT.

Yesterday evening Mayor Lee issued the following circular. His action in the premises was proper and met with the endorsement of all:

#### NOTICE.

Out of respect to our deceased friend, Cyrus J. Fry, I would respectfully ask all places of business to be closed during funeral services, Thursday afternoon from two to three o'clock.—A. E. LEE, Mayor.

I believe Cyrus J. Fry possessed the greatest personal popularity of any man in South Dakota. I was attracted to him by his genial qualities and by his fidelity to his friends. He made Jolley's nomination possible at Aberdeen.—MAJ. PICKLER.

The death of Cyrus J. Fry, United States marshal for the state, which occurred at Deadwood last Saturday evening, caused a thrill of sorrow throughout the state. Mr. Fry was one of the best known and one of the most popular officials in the state. His never-failing fund of good humor made him a favorite everywhere.—Canton News.

The death of United States marshal Fry removes one of the best known men in the state, whose genial qualities of head and heart won for him universal respect and esteem. He was a member of DeMolay commandry, K's. T., of this city, and his sad death is a great shock to all those who knew him here.—Yankton Telegram.

Fry was a splendid fellow and though jolly, rollicking and fun-loving, was a man of strong religious convictions. His home was a model and his affection for his family unusually strong. I have been his guest on several occasions; one thing that struck me forcibly was his reverence for Christian institutions. He invariably said grace at the table. The high regard in which his neighbors held him was one of his strongest recommendations to me.—GOV. MELLETTE.

Cy. Fry will be missed in South Dakota. He was a big-hearted, generous, kind man, with an extended acquaintance throughout the state.—Armour Chronicle.

The sudden and wholly unexpected death at Deadwood last Saturday of Cyrus J. Fry, United States marshal, brings sadness to the hearts of thousands of people in this state. He was of the kind of men who will be missed greatly.—Hurley Herald.

Mr. Fry was a leading member of the Masonic fraternity of the state, and at the recent Shrine meeting in Sioux Falls, conducted the pilgrim over the burning sands

of Arabia in his usual hilarious style. His death shocked me as I have rarely been shocked in my life.—HARVEY J. RICE.

**F**RANKLIN E. NORTON has carried on agriculture in Brooklyn township, Lincoln county, nearly twenty-four years, and has acquired here a valuable piece of property in his farm that in point of cultivation and improvement is justly ranked as one of the best in its vicinity. Mr. Norton was born in Orleans county, N. Y., March 19, 1849, a son of George Norton, who was a mechanic by trade but moved with his family in 1853 to Iowa on a farm, first to Cedar county and two years later to Muscatine county.

Our subject was only a boy when he became self-supporting. At the age of twelve years he began working for himself, and has had to look out for himself ever since. He was raised in Muscatine county, Iowa, and received such education as was furnished in the district schools of the vicinity. In that locality he continued to make his home until 1870, when he arrived in Dakota territory. He worked around Vermillion for a while and then rented a farm in Clay county, but in 1873 he entered, as a homestead, his present farm, located in section 10, and this has ever since been the base of his farming operations. Not a plow furrow had been turned in the vicinity of his claim when he arrived, and no roads had been laid out, in fact, he helped to lay out sixteen miles of the first road started, just south of his farm. He has continued to live there ever since, with the exception of two years, 1887-88, which were spent in California. He now has 240 acres of as

fine land as can be found in the township, and 190 acres of this tract are under plow and in an excellent state of cultivation. He has made all the improvements that adorn the place, which are of a substantial order, and does exclusively a general farming business. He began with a yoke of oxen and a wagon, and everything that he has since acquired is the result of legitimate industry.

In his labors our subject has not been without the assistance of a good wife, as he was married in August, 1875, to Miss Belina R. Hastings, a sister of Mrs. Jonas Minot, whose biography will be found on another page of this work. Mrs. Norton is, like her husband, a native of the Empire state, and was born in 1840. To this estimable couple three children have been born, named as follows: George, F. A. and Adelia. The children have been afforded good facilities for obtaining practical educations, and Mr. Norton has been a member of the school board of his district, the banner one of the county, for nine years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Norton are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Norton is a steward and also a class leader therein. In politics he sides with the Republicans, and has taken quite an interest in local affairs, having served as road overseer and township treasurer and assessor, as well as in the capacity of a member of the town board, being chairman of the latter body.

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**R**OBERT O'RIELLY is a fine representative of the thrifty, energetic, enterprising and liberal-hearted farmers of Prairie township, Union county, on section 11 of which he is con-

ducting a large and remunerative farm property.

The parents of our subject, Patrick and Mary (Scanlan) O'Reilly, were both natives of county Kerry, Ireland, and were married in the old country. They passed through the famine in Ireland in 1847 and in 1849 came to America and settled in Canada, where Mr. O'Reilly worked at different times on a farm, brewery, etc. In 1865 they settled in Venango county, Pa., later they went to Jamestown, N. Y., and in 1868 came west, settling at Akron, Iowa. In 1873 Mr. O'Reilly and his family settled in Prairie township, Union county, and there he and his wife passed the declining years of their lives, she dying in 1884 and he nine years later. Of their seven children six are now living, viz.: John, who lives in Beresford; Patrick, of Akron, Iowa; Mrs. Bridget White, the wife of Hon. M. J. White, whose sketch will be found in another part of this volume; Mrs. Johanna Ressegieu, of Sioux City, Iowa; Robert, and Mrs. Kate Ryan, of Nebraska. One daughter, Mrs. Mary O'Connor, is dead.

The subject of this biographical history was born in Canada, May 13, 1853, and was reared and educated principally in the common schools of that country. He came to Dakota with his parents and settled on his present farm in 1874. There were but two or three other settlers in the township when he made his appearance here and the land was nothing but a vast prairie with settlers' cabins here and there. He suffered his full share of hardships as a pioneer of this region and what he now possesses he has acquired by his own labor, having started in life with nothing. From a wilderness with no roads nor other indications of

civilization he has seen the country's marvelous growth to a well-populated and cultivated district, and has himself been one of the agents of development. He has now a fine farm of 320 acres, 155 of which are under tillage, and on this property he conducts a general farming and live-stock business. Socially he belongs to the A. O. U. W. of Beresford, and is one of the trustees of same. Politically is independent, but was formerly a Democrat.

Mr. O'Rielly was married to the lady who has charge of his household economies June 16, 1885. She was formerly Miss Annie Coleman, a daughter of John Coleman, who is now a resident of Union county, and is a native of Canada. To this union have been born three children: Bertha Mary, Dora Winnifred and Albert Sylvester.

Mr. O'Rielly is a fine specimen of the athletic man, well-proportioned and of excellent physique, and his excellent health and strength have stood him in good stead in the many hardships and privations he has been called upon to endure.

**H** E. GAMBLE, one of the most successful and progressive agriculturists of Parker township, who at present resides on section 9, was born in Carroll county, Ill., January 19, 1868. His father, N. H. Gamble, whose sketch appears on another page, was a native of Pennsylvania, and came to Illinois when five years of age with his parents, who settled in Carroll county, where he passed his boyhood days and grew to maturity. He removed to Turner county, Dak. Ter., in 1881, and now lives on section 4 of Parker township. The mother of our sub-

ject, Mary E. (Blocher) Gamble, was born in Pennsylvania and spent her girlhood in Amboy, Ill., where she came with her parents when a child.

H. E. Gamble was the second child of a family of four children, and was about six months old when his parents removed to Benton county, Iowa. When he was eight years of age they went to Green county of the same state and located on a farm; there our subject attended the district schools and assisted on the farm until thirteen years old, when he accompanied his parents to what is now Turner county, Dak. Ter. He has lived here ever since, finishing his education in the Parker public schools and assisting in the improvement of his father's homestead. March 20, 1890, he was united in marriage to Miss Ella Harper, a young lady who has been a resident of Dakota since her thirteenth year. She was born in Illinois, where she was raised until eight years old, at which time her parents went to Owatonna, Minn., and from there located in Minnehaha county, Dakota Ter. They came to Turner county with their family in 1889. This union has been blest with three children, viz.: Ralph W., Mabel I. and Blanch.

Mr. Gamble located immediately after his marriage on a farm three miles east of Parker, where he engaged in general farming. He then rented a farm a mile north of the same town, which he conducted the next year, and in 1892 located where he now lives, one and a half miles northeast of Parker. He owns a farm of 160 acres on section 4, which he also farms. He is a supporter of Republican principles on political questions, and was elected township clerk in 1895 and re-elected to the same position in 1896. He is a member of Parker

lodge, A. O. U. W., master workman, and he and family belong to the Presbyterian church.

**F**RANK M. BECK. Among the farmers in the prime of life in Lincoln county, a good station has been attained by the gentleman above named, whose career has been marked with energy, prudence and persistent effort. His well-directed labors have resulted in the attainment of a good farm on section 9 of Canton township, where he is surrounded with those improvements and home comforts which make life enjoyable.

In Northumberland county, Penn., our subject first saw the light September 21, 1856. His parents, John and Polly (Meck) Beck, continued to reside in the Keystone state until Frank was nine years of age and then they removed to Carroll county, Ill. In the latter place he grew to manhood, his lot being that which usually falls to the life of a farmer lad; he assisted in the cultivation of the farm, and in the winters, when there was but little to do, attended the district schools for an education. March 1, 1883, after having been a resident of Illinois for almost eighteen years, he arrived in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. On the 160 acres of land which he then bought he has continued to live, improving the property by erecting some good and substantial buildings, including a comfortable residence, and has been engaged principally since in general farming and stock raising.

Mr. Beck is one of those men who are ever alert to the best interests of the community and who lend their hearty support to any enterprise which tends to promote

the public good. He is well known as an active participant in township matters, having been a member of the board of supervisors for a period of five years, being the present chairman of that body; township clerk for one year and various other minor offices, including the position of clerk of the school district in which he lives most of the time since he has been a resident of Canton township. Politically, he is a staunch Republican, and has been a delegate several times to the county conventions of his party; he is at present chairman of the Canton township central committee, and also a member of the county central committee.

The estimable lady who presides over the home of our subject with dignity and grace, was known in her maidenhood as Miss Minnie Montag. She became the wife of Mr. Beck March 7, 1882, the ceremony uniting their lives taking place in Carroll county, Ill., the bride's native county. Their happy household is completed by four children—Hattie, Frank, Elmer A. and Alfred Ray—Mary M., who was the eldest of five children born to this couple, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Beck are both active workers in religious matters, being members of the Evangelical church, and Mr. Beck was the superintendent of the Sunday school connected with this place of worship for several years.

**L**EWIS O. BERVIN. For over a quarter of a century this gentleman has been a resident of Clay county, in Bethel township of which he owns and operates a fine farm of 400 acres. He is a native of Norway, born December 21, 1838, and the twin brother of Edwin O.

Brevin, whose sketch will be found in another part of this volume. His father and mother, Ole and Kristi Bervin, were both natives of Norway, and lived and died in that country.

Our subject grew to maturity amid home influences, receiving a good, practical knowledge of agriculture on his father's farm, and attending the common schools for an education. In 1860 he left the parental home in company with his brother, and bidding adieu to friends and acquaintances, started for the new world. The vessel landed him at Quebec, from where he went to Winneshiek county, Iowa, and thence to Lee county, Ill. In both these places he worked at farm labor, two years in the former and five years in the latter, at the expiration of which time he returned to the Hawkeye state. This time he located at Montezuma, Poweshiek county, and was there married, January 27, 1869, to Miss Ellen Westre, also a native of Norway. The young couple the following spring removed to Cass county, Iowa, on a farm which Mr. Bervin purchased, and February 23, 1870, after but a little over a year of happy married life, Mrs. Bervin was taken ill and died. Shortly after the death of his wife, Mr. Bervin came to Dakota territory and homesteaded 160 acres in section 22, of Bethel township, and this property has ever since been his home. Such buildings as are necessary for the convenient and economic management of the estate have been erected on the farm, and these include a nice, comfortable dwelling, in which Mr. Bervin and his present wife, to whom he was married in Yankton, November 21, 1870, are living, surrounded by every comfort. Mrs. Bervin was formerly Miss Julia Williams, and is, like her

husband, a native of Norway. They have two children, Ole L. and Ellen C., and belong to the Norwegian Lutheran church.

Mr. Bervin has associated himself in various ways with the public life of Clay county since his residence therein, and has served one term as county commissioner, as well as in various of the minor township offices—town board, etc. His record as a man and citizen is without blot or blemish, and he is held in high esteem by his fellow-townsmen and respected by all who know him.

**G**EORGE ROLLA ENGLE. One of the well-known young representatives of the agricultural element which is and has been so prominent in promoting the rise and growth of Lincoln county, is Mr. Rolla Engle. He was brought to the county when but ten years of age, and has been engaged in agricultural pursuits either with his father or for himself ever since.

Mr. Engle was born in Grant county, Wis., October 15, 1861, a son of Clayton and Catharine (Tripp) Engle, and his father and mother still reside in Dayton township, where they came in 1871 and settled in section 32. Rolla spent his more mature years in Lincoln county, attending the district schools for an education while assisting in the cultivation of his father's farm, and on this farm he has lived ever since, with the exception of six years. He has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits as a means of livelihood, and as he is yet a young man, with the energy, tact and business acumen he has so far shown in the conduct of his affairs, it is safe to predict that



he has a firm footing on the road to prosperity. He owns 160 acres of land in section 32, of Dayton township, on which he is conducting his farming operations after good methods, and is in receipt of a comfortable income from this source as the result of his labors.

Mr. Engle was fortunate in his choice of a life companion, securing as his wife a lady of genuine worth of character and pleasing manners. Her maiden name was Alice Landon, and the ceremony uniting her life with that of our subject occurred November 28, 1886, at Lodi, Dak. Their happy household is completed by two bright children who have been born to this union, and their names are Joseph Roy and Eunice Grace.

**J**OHN W. STEADMAN is an honorable member of the farming class of Union county and a respected citizen of Prairie township, where he is busily engaged in the management of a farm of which he is the fortunate proprietor. He was born in Upper Canada, Gray county, and is a son of Morris and Elizabeth (Carson) Steadman, the former a native of the same place in Canada, where our subject first saw the light, and the latter born in Ireland. They were married in Canada and came to Union county, Dak. Ter., in 1870, and settled on an unimproved piece of property in Prairie township. Mr. Steadman broke it and brought it to a high state of cultivation and then sold out and went to Nebraska, returning from there to Centerville, Turner county, this state, where they now live. Nine children were born to them and they also adopted one child, the latter

Janet Hemphill by name. They are all living and the following is a record: Mrs. Sarah Ann Blatchford lives in Nebraska; John W. is the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Annie Taylor resides in Charles Mix county, S. Dak.; Mrs. Elizabeth Hibberly lives in Clay county, S. Dak.; Robert married Miss Mary Keene and lives in Turner county; Samuel married Miss Dora White and lives in Lincoln county; Mrs. Mary Ellen Cawfield lives at Hurley, S. Dak.; Mrs. Emma Palmer makes her home in Lincoln county; and Walter lives at Centerville, S. Dak.

Our subject was born in 1857 and thirteen years of age when he came with his parents to Union county. He received a common-school education in the district schools and assisted his father with the farm labor, gaining valuable knowledge and information as to the successful pursuit of agriculture. He remained a member of the parental roof until he was twenty-five years of age, and was then married to the lady who has ever since been his companion in life. She bore the maiden name of Miss Ella Owens, and was a native of Wisconsin, a daughter of William and Jane (Burns) Owens. The former is deceased, but the mother still survives. Mr. Steadman is practically a self-made man. He started with nothing, and when he located on his present farm in 1885 it was but partly improved, so that its present well cultivated and carefully tilled condition is the result of his own energy and labor. It is neatly fenced, and among the many improvements is a fine grove of trees which he planted himself. He built a commodious barn in 1892, and in 1896 erected the residence in which he and family now live. On his 200 acres he carries on a diversified farming



business, raising grain and feeding stock, in which he has been eminently successful. He has seen the surrounding country grow from a wilderness to its present well tilled condition, and stood his share of hardship and privation in helping to develop it. He has taken quite an interest in local political matters, but has never aspired to public office except school positions; he is now serving his second term as clerk of the Beresford school board. He votes for the principles as laid down in the Republican platform, and socially belongs to the I. O. O. F. at Beresford, in which he has been an officer. Mr. Steadman is a man of extended information, and one whose personal character wins the respect of all his acquaintances. He is a man of unquestioned honor and integrity, and his standing in the community is of the highest.

Mr. Steadman and his good wife have a fine family of five boys, bright, intelligent youngsters, of whom they are justly proud. They are known by the following given names: Morris W., Floyd D., Ray W., John Lester, and Alvah Edgar. Mrs. Steadman is a woman of true Christian character and a member of the Congregational church.

**H**ON. JAMES M. WAHL. This gentleman is a prominent, public-spirited and enterprising citizen of Canton township, on sections 14 and 15 of which he is conducting farming operations. He has been a resident of Lincoln county since 1868 and has been instrumental in advancing the welfare and status of the county. His executive ability is undeniable, his methods honorable and his

energy unbounded, and he enjoys the esteem and confidence of the entire community.

Mr. Wahl is a native of Norway and was born January 7, 1846. His early life was passed on a farm in the central part of the kingdom and his education was carefully looked after by a private tutor. He mastered the elementary and various of the higher branches of study while a member of the parental household, and when twenty years of age came to America. He went direct to La Crosse, Wis., where he studied the English language, and becoming proficient in that entered the seminary at West Salem, Wis., to complete his education. In the spring of 1868 he came in company with others looking for a place to locate, and after traveling over the country quite extensively decided to settle in Lincoln county. He homesteaded a claim of 160 acres on sections 14 and 15 of Canton township, and since then has with the exception of a few short periods, constantly resided thereon. This was in 1868 and he is therefore one of the oldest settlers of the county. His property is well improved and shows in its surroundings the intelligence of its occupants; there is a complete set of commodious farm buildings, including a nice residence and every needful and modern appliance for the successful conduct of agricultural operations. He is affiliated with the Populist party, although liberal in political views and not blindly partisan, and has taken an active and prominent part in all local and state affairs of a public nature. He is a popular man and has served his fellow-men in various official capacities. As a justice of the peace he served in 1870 and in 1871 was appointed probate judge and treasurer of Lincoln county, and held

the offices till 1872 when he was elected a member of the house of representatives of the territorial legislature from the first district, which comprises the territory from the Sioux City bridge, north to Deuel county. So satisfactory were the duties imposed performed that he was re-elected to the same office in 1874, and during his second term he was appointed by the legislature one of a committee on emigration, his duties as a member of that body taking him to many of the seaboard cities. The knowledge he gained as a result of his connection with this committee was of the highest importance, and after his term of office expired he was employed by several of the Atlantic Steamship companies in the interest of emigration from the countries of Europe to the United States. In 1882 the Allan Steamship line authorized him to employ a force of twenty men to visit the kingdom of Norway and Sweden in order to induce emigration to this country, and after two years spent thus he ceased his labors in that direction and returned home to devote his time and attention to farming and sheep-raising. In 1892 Mr. Wahl found his health failing him and in order to recuperate he rented his farm and made a visit to Florida where he remained till the following autumn and then returned to his home in South Dakota. In the spring of 1895 he tried Texas as a health resort, staying there three months, and again visiting that section of the country in 1896 for another period of three months. He has been a potent factor in the progress and development of the vicinity where he resides, and ably supports any enterprise calculated to promote the public good.

Mr. Wahl was united in marriage to Miss

Julia A. Olson September 11, 1883. This lady was born in Norway, December 10, 1862, and by her union with our subject is the mother of an interesting little family of four girls—Hannah R., Alma C., Pearl J. and Cora. Mr. Wahl has been actively identified with the cause of temperance and is one of its most able and efficient champions: Both he and wife are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church at which they are regular attendants.

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EDWIN O. BERVIN, who is the fortunate owner and proprietor of a farm of 480 acres in Bethel township, Clay county, on section 22 of which he has his residence, is a native of Norway. His parents, Ole and Kristi Bervin, were also born in Norway and in that country they both passed to the world beyond.

Our subject is the twin brother of Lewis O. Bervin, a brief sketch of whom will be found on another page of this record, and first opened his eyes to the light December 21, 1838. He passed his childhood and youth on his father's farm in his native land, gleaned such education as he could in the common schools of the neighborhood, and when he attained his majority he emigrated to this country. He and his brother took passage on the same vessel, which landed them in Quebec, May 24, 1860, and from there they both went to Winneshiek county, Iowa. Our subject worked out there at farm labor for about two years and then for six years more followed the same occupation in Lee county, Ill., after which he located in Poweshiek county, Iowa, on a farm of 160 acres which he operated. Two

years later Mr. Bervin returned again to Lee county, Ill., but only remained there about eighteen months, leaving the Prairie state for Cass county, Iowa, where, in company with his brother, they purchased half a section of land. In the spring of 1870 he arrived in Dakota and took up a claim in Bethel township, Clay county, the property on which he has ever since resided. He has made some first-class improvements on his farm and under his careful supervision it has become one of the most valuable tracts of land in the township.

Mr. Bervin has been twice married, the first time being July 19, 1870, when he led to the altar Miss Nellie Westre. She died in Bethel township, November 30, 1872, after having borne her husband two children, Ole E. and Nellie C., both of whom survive their mother. Mr. Bervin's second marriage took place in Bethel township, April 4, 1877, this time Miss Inger S. Knudson, also a native of Norway, being the bride, and six children have come to bless this happy union, viz.: Mary I., Annie C., Edward C., Josie A., Bertha A. and Isaac.

Mr. Bervin has taken quite an interest in all matters of a local nature, and has held many of the township offices. Religiously he holds membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church, as does also his wife. Since residing in the United States he has made two trips to his mother country.

**H**ENRY WALLACE belongs to that large class of intelligent and enterprising farmers whose homes are places of social comfort and mental refreshment, and whose work in developing the country is a credit alike to themselves

and to the county. His estate is located in section 19, Canton township, Lincoln county, and consists of 320 acres of improved land.

Mr. Wallace is of English birth, having been born in Durham, England, March 28, 1831. In his native country he grew to manhood, serving as an apprentice in the stonemason's trade from the age of fourteen years, and then after learning the trade was employed by the same men under whom he served his apprenticeship for upwards of twenty years. It was not until 1865 that he decided to come to the United States, but in the summer of that year he embarked with his family for the new world, locating at New Diggings, La Fayette Co., Wis., where he worked at his trade for some fourteen years. The next five years were spent in Sioux Falls, where he followed the same occupation, and then he came to Canton, Lincoln county, and worked at his trade in that city for three years more, finally settling on the farm in Canton township, which he has since conducted in connection with his labors as stonemason. His original purchase of 160 acres he has improved and added to it another quarter section, which now constitutes his present landed possessions. Our subject is known as a man of fine personal attributes, who possesses force and decision of character, and has a good insight into the best methods of conducting his business. He is a member of the Lincoln County Fair association, and takes much interest in the advancement of the welfare of the community.

Mr. Wallace was married in England to Miss Jane Watson, a native of Durhamshire, where also the ceremony uniting their lives was performed. The bride was one of

a family of twelve children—seven sons and five daughters—being the eighth in order of their birth, born to George and Mary (Watson) Watson. The former died in Durham at the age of sixty-three years, his wife also breathing her last there at the age of fifty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace's married life has been blessed to them by the following children: William; Thomas H.; Sarah J., the wife of Chauncy Gage; Albert; Elijah; Mary; Henry, and two daughters and one son who died in infancy.

A few words regarding Mr. Wallace's parents will not be amiss. He was the third child of a family of nine children, four sons and five daughters, born to the union of Thomas Wallace and Miss Sarah Robinson. The former died from the effects of injuries he received in lifting a heavy stone when fifty-four years old, and his wife went to join him in his last resting place at the age of sixty years, both dying in Durham county, England.

**H**ON. C. W. DEANE, one of the successful farmers and enterprising citizens of Alcester township, is an Englishman by birth, having been born in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England, in 1852. He is a son of Harry and Mary (Beaumont) Deane, who emigrated from their native country in 1856, to America, settling in Green Lake county, Wis. Here on the farm our subject passed his minority, and in the schools the district afforded he obtained an ordinary education.

Mr. Deane was married in Green Lake county in 1870 to Miss Emma Ward, and two years later he came to Union county, Dak. Ter., entering the quarter section

where he now resides. The following spring he was joined by his wife, who had remained in Green Lake county while he was looking for a location. The first house he erected was a small frame shanty 12x14 feet; here he domiciled his young wife and together they began the development of the farm. At that time his nearest railroad point was Sioux City, sixty miles away, but shortly after a railroad was extended to Elk Point which place was his trading point until about 1882. He is a gentleman of nerve and this quality has carried him through many tight places. He has succeeded admirably since coming to Alcester township, and he now has one of the best improved places to be found in the county. His present farm comprises 360 acres of tillable land, 250 acres of which are under cultivation, thirteen acres being timber, most of which he planted himself. Mr. Deane also has a fine orchard of 125 trees on North slope, hardy and thrifty in appearance. Some of the trees planted ten years ago are bearing plentifully.

Mr. Deane's father and mother and family came to Union county about 1883, where the former bought some land in Prairie township and made a permanent home. There he died, in 1892, aged sixty-one years. Mrs. Deane is yet living, and resides on the old homestead. They had a family of four children, viz.: C. W., Fred J., Alice, now Mrs. Charles Staples, of Minnehaha county, and Duane H., who resides with his mother on the homestead.

Mr. Deane and his good wife are the parents of three children: Maud, the eldest, died at the age of seventeen years, in Elk Point, in 1892; and Madge and Harry Ward reside at home. Mr. Deane is a member of

the Beresford lodge, K. of P., and politically affiliates with the Populist party. He was elected sheriff in 1890 and enjoyed re-election in 1892, serving in that capacity four years. He also assessed Alcester township one year, and in the fall of 1896 was the candidate of his party for the legislature, being elected to the lower house by a majority of 237 votes, which was the largest majority, except one, accorded any candidate on the ticket, and proves his popularity and standing as a citizen of Union county.

**J**OHAN L. P. FLYGER, of Swan Lake township, Turner county, is classed among the most progressive farmers and stock raisers within the bounds of the county. He was born in Denmark May 15, 1855, and remained in that country until twelve years of age, at which time his parents emigrated with their family to America. They settled in Benton county, Iowa, and there our subject received a fair education and grew to manhood. He was reared as a farmer and has followed the calling to which he was bred most of his life. When Mr. Flyger attained his majority he left home and worked out on a stock farm in the Hawkeye state until he had passed the quarter century mark of his existence, and then came to Dakota territory in search of a permanent location. He pre-empted 160 acres on section 18 of Swan Lake township, and this he settled on in the spring of 1889. The many improvements which he has since then made are of the most substantial order; his fences are all well kept; every structure is so arranged as to be of convenient access and egress, and the up-to-date, methodical manner in

which the work is carried on reflects credit on the manager. The farm comprises 480 acres, all under excellent cultivation.

The lady who presides over the home of our subject became his wife August 26, 1879, the marriage ceremony being performed in Yankton. She bore the maiden name of Miss Anna Frederickson, was born October 20, 1861, in Denmark, and has lived in the United States since 1867, which was the year she arrived in America with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Flyger have four living children, who are known by the following given names, viz.: Chris A., Nora M., Lewis L. and Linden E. Two children died in infancy.

Mr. Flyger is a member of the town board, and politically affiliates with the Republican party. His qualities are such as to render him extremely popular, and as he is yet in the prime of life, is looked upon as a man whose future promises to be as useful as his past. He and his wife are devout Christians and hold membership in the Seventh Day Adventist church.

**B**RUCE OLIVER, an intelligent and industrious farmer, residing on section 20 of Canton township, is well and favorably known throughout Lincoln county. He was born in LaPorte county, Ind., March 19, 1843, and shortly afterwards removed with his parents to Lake county of the same state, where he grew to be a lad of ten years, at which time he accompanied his parents to Wright county, Iowa. In the Hawkeye state he grew to manhood, being twenty-five years old when he left Wright county and went to the

southern part of Missouri, and in the latter region he remained about a year.

His appearance in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., was made about June, 1869, when he took up 160 acres as a homestead, and on this land he has since continued to reside. He has improved his original claim, and as he prospered added thereto, and his present landed possessions aggregate 480 acres of some of the finest property in the county. His energy has all been expended in the betterment of his condition, and he has succeeded admirably, being held in high esteem and looked upon as one of the prominent and leading agriculturists of the locality. He has held some of the township offices, and takes quite an interest in all local matters, using his influence wherever possible in favor of good and business-like government of township, county, and state. All in all he is a true citizen, honorable as a man whose character is irreproachable, and popular among his fellow men. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M. order at Canton.

The efficient and faithful helpmate, who has been our subject's life companion, was formerly Miss Emily Almeda Dunlap, and became the bride of Mr. Oliver in Belmond, Wright county, Iowa, the ceremony occurring on the first day of the year 1867. Her parents, William and Cordelia (Pierce) Dunlap, were both natives of New York from where they removed to Iowa. They are now residents of Lane county, Ore. They were the parents of seven children, five sons and two daughters, and Mrs. Oliver was the eldest of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver have been blessed by the following children: William Ernest, who is employed in the government weather bureau at Galveston,

Tex.; Ralph, who is following farming in Canton township; Clarence; Fred; Lewis, and Bernice.

Mr. Oliver's parents were Thomas and Geborah (Martin) Oliver, and our subject was one of a family of eight children, which consisted of five sons and three daughters. The father, while on a visit to Dade county, Mo., died in 1870, and the mother passed beyond the dark river in Harper county, Kans., January 2, 1894.

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**A**LBERT J. MINOR. The agricultural interests of Lincoln county find an excellent representative in the gentleman above named. His landed possessions consist of 200 acres located in section 21 of Canton township, which is a valuable piece of property, being thoroughly improved and for some years under careful tillage. The buildings upon it include a substantial residence, barn, sheds, and every other structure that will add to the convenience of those who are carrying on its work.

The parents of our subject were Oliver and Helen (Dent) Minor, who made their home since 1869 in Cherokee county, Iowa, where Mr. Minor passed to his reward in brighter lands October 8, 1887. They were residing in Green Lake county, Wis., when the birth of Albert J. occurred, which was January 18, 1856, and in the Badger state our subject was raised until thirteen years old. He had the advantage of a common-school education, which, while not so thorough in those days as now, was sufficient for all practical purposes, and when his parents removed to Cherokee in 1869, as noted above, he accompanied them. In Cherokee

county Mr. Minor grew to maturity and continued to live until the spring of 1883, when he located in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. His original purchase of land in Canton township consisted of 160 acres, most of which was nothing but raw prairie land, and this he started in to improve, later adding forty acres more, which constitutes his present farm. Ever since his location in Lincoln county he has taken a keen interest in everything calculated to promote the growth and development of the county, and is a fine representative of the class of progressive and successful farmers. He has been chairman of the school board of his district for eight years.

February 26, 1883, just a couple months prior to his arrival in Dakota, the gentleman of whom we write was united in marriage to Miss Katie Hayes, the ceremony taking place in Cherokee county, Iowa. This lady is a native of Illinois, but was reared to womanhood in the state of Iowa. Her marriage with our subject has been blessed to them by five children of the following names: Mabel H., Lula W., Mary E., Nona F. and Viola G.

**J**OHAN M. LONG. The subject of this brief sketch is a son of the late Hugh A. Long, who was for many years one of Clay county's most prominent and influential citizens, and the efficient postmaster of Bluff Centre for upward of twenty years. Hugh A. Long was born in Pennsylvania, April 21, 1823, and came when a young man to Illinois, where he was united in marriage to Miss Adaline Halsey, a native of Ohio, born December 7, 1823. The young couple took up their

domestic life on a farm in Mercer county, Ill., but shortly after removed to and settled in Mahaska county, Iowa, where they remained ten years, and then returned again to their old home in Illinois. In the fall of 1870 Mr. Long came with his family to Dakota territory, and located in section 34 of Bethel township, Clay county, leaving there to take up his residence in section 27 of the same township, where his death occurred September 30, 1895. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Of a family of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, born to the above couple, John M. was the seventh in order of birth, and first saw the light of day in Mahaska county, Iowa, September 26, 1855. The first seven years of his life were spent in his native county, at which time he removed with his parents to Mercer county, Ill., and then accompanied them in 1870 to Dakota territory. He was about fifteen years of age then, and ever since has been a resident of Clay county, with the exception of five years, during which time he lived in Faulk county. Farming has been his chief occupation in life, and he is now operating a tract of 480 acres, located in section 27 of Bethel township.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Mary E. Elliott was celebrated in Meckling, Clay county, February 28, 1884. Mrs. Long was born in Brown county, Ill., July 10, 1860, and is a daughter of John R. and Biddena (Collins) Elliott. Mr. and Mrs. Long have been blessed by the birth of four sons, on whom have been bestowed the following names, viz.: Robert A., Harry M., Guy R., and Hugh F. Religiously they are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Long also belongs to the



Modern Woodmen of America, which order he joined in 1896. Politically he supports the candidates of the Republican party, has held various of the school offices, and has also been a member of the town board.

**G**EORGE H. JOHNSON has been a resident of Lincoln county since 1884, and occupies a prominent place as a well-to-do and progressive member of the farming community. He is a man who possesses that energy and tact that invariably bring success to the owner, and is adding to his popularity and also to his financial standing each year, and ranks high in the esteem of the people.

Mr. Johnson was born in Manitowoc county, Wis., October 8, 1853, and is a son of James E. and Elizabeth (Ham) Johnson, who now reside in Lincoln county, a biography of whom will be found in another part of this record. He passed his youth on the farm working for his father, and attending the common schools for an education. Up to 1884 he made his home in the Badger state, but that year he purchased the farm on which he now lives, section 20, Canton township. His farm now consists of 160 acres of well-tilled land, improved with good, substantial buildings, including a comfortable house. Mr. Johnson has served as a constable, and in the spring of 1896 was elected a justice of the peace. Many minor offices he has also filled with satisfaction to the community, and since his residence in the county and in Canton township has made many warm friends.

To the lady who presides so gracefully over the home our subject was married in Manitowoc, Wis., November 2, 1880. She

bore the maiden name of Mary Gans, and is, like her husband, a native of Manitowoc county, Wis., born February 14, 1860. Her father and mother, August and Hulda Gans, still reside on the old homestead in Wisconsin. Mrs. Johnson is a capable housewife, an affectionate and devoted wife, an excellent neighbor, and is ably assisting her husband in a womanly way toward the goal of prosperity.

**H**ON. IRA ELLIS, a successful and energetic farmer, whose beautiful home is located in Alcester township, Union county, was born in the old village of Rehobeth, Perry Co., Ohio, August 9, 1828. He is a son of Ruben, who was born in 1784, and Abigail Ellis, this lady being his second wife. Ruben Ellis' father, Michael Ellis, was an early Methodist minister, who traveled a wide circuit. The family settled in Ohio previous to the dawning of the nineteenth century, being pioneers in that region. Here Ruben Ellis was reared and lived till old age, when he came west to join his children.

The boyhood of our subject was passed in Washington county, Ohio, where he received such advantages as the country afforded at that time for an education. He learned the blacksmith trade in his youth, serving five years and a half as an apprentice before he was twenty years old. After learning his trade he established a shop at Pleasant Valley, Morgan Co., Ohio, which he conducted till the outbreak of the war. In 1862 he was commissioned second lieutenant to recruit and raised company D, Ninety-seventh Ohio regiment, infantry.







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On the organization of the company he was elected first lieutenant and the regiment was transferred to the front in Kentucky to repel the invasion of Ohio by Gen. Bragg. The regiment served for a while in Gen. Buell's army and was later transferred to Gen. Rosecrans' command. The first hard battle in which his company participated was at Perryville, Ky., and while they were following up the rebel army running fights were of daily occurrence. After Gen. Bragg's soldiers had been disposed of the regiment participated in the battle of Stone river. Subsequent to this engagement Mr. Ellis, owing to ill health, resigned his commission and returned to his home in Ohio. He remained an invalid for several years, but as soon as he was able he resumed work at his trade. After the Morgan invasion he assisted in the organization of the Third Ohio militia, of which he was elected colonel and continued holding this position until the disbanding of the militia at the close of the war. In 1869 he came west and located in Raymond, Black Hawk Co., Iowa, where he started a blacksmith shop and pursued his trade for two years, after which he came to Calliope, Iowa, and stayed till his location in Union county, Dak. Ter. He homesteaded 160 acres, the same on which he now resides, built a house 18x20 feet, and carried on smithing for eight or ten years. His present home is an admirable one, well situated, commodious and comfortable, being one of the best improved places in the township.

Mr. Ellis is a member of the G. A. R. post at Beresford, and is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, Alcester lodge, having joined this order in Ohio more than forty years ago. He was elected to the ter-

ritorial legislature of Dakota in 1875 or '76, serving two consecutive terms in the house. Later he was elected to the senate, and served one term in that body. He was chairman of the committee on agriculture for two terms and also chairman of the committee on military affairs one term.

Mr. Ellis was united in marriage in Ohio to Miss Sarah W. Judkins, a native of Jefferson county, that state, and they were the parents of seven children, three of whom are living, viz.: Dr. G. V., a resident of Akron, Iowa; Charley C., now in California, and Ira, Jr., living in Buffalo county, S. Dak. The deceased are Joel F., Abigail, Anna I. and Louis C. Mrs. Ellis died in 1881, aged fifty-four years, and Mr. Ellis subsequently married his present wife, Mary E. Palmer. Politically Mr. Ellis belongs to the Republican party, and is a staunch supporter of its principles.

**H**ON. ALFRED SHERMAN.  
Among the prominent men now living in Canton who have won an honorable name as a citizen of that thriving town, none is better deserving of representation in a volume of this nature than Hon. Alfred Sherman. He has risen to prominence by dint of his own efforts, backed by the indomitable will and powers of mind which came to him as a heritage from industrious and thrifty ancestors.

Our subject is a native of Sweden, born May 29, 1848, and was four years of age when his parents emigrated to America. His father, Charles Sherman, was a farmer by occupation, and when he arrived with his family in this country, at once proceeded

to Columbia county, Wis., where he located on a farm. This place was made the home for five years, after which the family settled in Kane county, Ill., four years, and then removed to eastern Iowa. Alfred Sherman spent his boyhood days in various places where his parents made their home and received a common-school education. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, and then in the spring of 1871 came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and homesteaded 160 acres in Norway township. He settled on this tract during that year, but shortly after went to Sioux City, where he secured employment traveling for a machinery concern there. After his marriage, which occurred March 31, 1875, he took his bride and settled on his farm, and continued to make his home there until the spring of 1893, when he removed to Canton. He has been engaged in the clothing business since the spring of 1896.

Mr. Sherman and his wife, who is an intelligent lady and has made his home an attractive and happy one, are the parents of one son, Charles L. Mrs. Sherman was formerly Miss Anna L. Kloster, and is a native of Norway.

Mr. Sherman has by his energetic and persistent labors placed himself among the most substantial and well-to-do citizens of the county, and being always genial and obliging in his intercourse with others, is held in high estimation throughout the community. He served his township while a resident there as justice of the peace, and was a delegate to the first constitutional convention in 1883. For two years he served in the capacity of a member of the board of regents of the state university at Ver-

million, S. Dak., having been appointed to that position by Gov. Pierce, and in the fall of 1891, was elected to the state legislature, serving one term.

We beg to call attention to a portrait of our subject on another page of this work.

**E**LIAS M. BOYCE. A traveler throughout Lincoln county will see many comfortable homes where evidences of good taste and a desire to get the best from life are plainly manifest, and will be led to the conclusion that our farmers are not devoid of culture and refinement. Among the many attractive places that dot the expanse of Canton township, that of Elias M. Boyce is deserving of notice. It is located in section 31, and is one of the finest farms in the county.

Mr. Boyce is a native of Marion, Wayne Co., N. Y., and first opened his eyes April 13, 1835. His father owned a farm, and on this our subject grew to manhood, acquiring much knowledge in the successful conduct of an estate up to his twentieth year. In 1855 he began the battle of life alone, and leaving New York state came west and located in Beloit, Wis., engaging in farming and stock raising in Rock county, Wis., and Winnebago county, Ill., until the fall of 1872, when he made his first appearance in Lincoln county. His land he purchased, buying 133 acres in Canton township, whereon he still continues to make his home. By industry, economy and strict application to his business he has prospered, and from time to time has added to his original possessions, and now owns a finely improved and highly cultivated farm of 365

acres. On this property Mr. Boyce has erected a most complete set of farm buildings for the carrying on of his agricultural operations, and included in this is a nice residence, which is surrounded by trees and various other improvements, the land being sub-divided by neat and well-kept fences.

At the head of the home economies is a lady of refinement who became the wife of our subject January 13, 1861. She was known in her maidenhood as Miss Mary I. Oliver, and was born in Madison, Ohio, August 30, 1843. She was reared, however, from the age of four years in Beloit, Wis., and there the ceremony uniting her life with that of Mr. Boyce was performed. She was the youngest of a family of eight children born to Stephen and Mary (Dodge) Oliver. Mr. Oliver was born at McKean, Pa., August 29, 1800, and his wife in Syracuse, N. Y., April 25, 1809. The former followed mercantile pursuits and various other occupations up to the date of his death, which occurred in California. Mr. and Mrs. Boyce's congenial union has been blessed by the birth of two children, but one of whom is living—Earl Elias, who was born in Beloit, Wis., November 16, 1862. He married Miss Bena Haag, and now conducts a farm in Highland township, Lincoln county. Ida M., the other child, died in infancy.

Mr. Boyce's father and mother, Manchester and Thankful (Congdon) Boyce, were both natives of Hartford, Washington Co., N. Y., the former born July 7, 1804, and the latter May 12, 1809. Mr. Boyce was a farmer by occupation and died in Rock county, Wis., September 11, 1858, whither he went in 1855, and his good wife followed him May 4, 1859. They had a

family of six children, our subject being the fourth in order of their birth.

Mr. Boyce has attended strictly to his own personal affairs, giving his business the majority of his time, but he has also found time to serve his fellow townsmen in various official capacities, and was treasurer of Canton township for a period of nine years. Both he and his wife are deeply religious and are active workers in the Baptist church to which denomination they belong.

**A**MOS RECTOR, the subject of this biographical sketch, is one of the prominent and enterprising farmers of Turner county, residing on section 28, of Parker township, and an old settler of the vicinity. He was born in McHenry county, Ill., June 12, 1850, and is a son of George S. and Martha Rector. They were the parents of twelve children, our subject being the sixth in order of their birth.

Amos passed his boyhood days in his native county, receiving his education in the district schools during the winter months and assisting his father in the cultivation of the farm in summer. He continued a member of the parental household until he attained his majority, and May 7, 1871, was united in marriage to Miss Roxey A. Bradow, a native of New York, who came with her parents to McHenry county, Ill., when she was quite young. Mr. Rector and his young wife continued to reside in Illinois until 1878, when they came to what is now Turner county, S. Dak. He entered a quarter section of land as a homestead in Parker township, which he improved and brought to a high state of cultivation and

made his home till 1893. That year he sold out and purchased his present location, 160 acres, where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising. In political matters Mr. Rector has always been a Republican and still votes that ticket. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W. society, No. 2, at Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Rector have been blessed with one son, Francis H., who resides at home.

**J**AMES E. JOHNSON. Among the veterans of the late war, in which they did good and faithful service, who are found in Lincoln county peacefully passing down the hill of time, secure in the esteem of their acquaintances and able to look back over long years of usefulness and industry, none are more worthy of representation in a volume of this nature than James E. Johnson. He is close on to man's three score and ten years of life, but his mind is clear and vigorous, making his conversation delightful to all who enjoy the story of personal experience.

The grandfather of Mr. Johnson was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was killed fighting for the right on the historic battle field of Bunker Hill. His son, Richard Johnson, the father of our subject, was born in Lancaster, N. H., and was a millwright by occupation, although he also engaged extensively in lumbering. He was married to Miss Jane Kemp, a native of Canada, of English parentage, and by her was the parent of seven children, three sons and four daughters. Mrs. Johnson died suddenly in Lowell, Mass., in 1853, and her grief-stricken husband shortly after started

for Australia, where it is supposed he was robbed and then murdered, as he had considerable money on his person; at least nothing has ever been heard from him.

James E. Johnson was born near Quebec, Canada, April 3, 1828, and the first fourteen years of his life were spent near his home town. Then he went with his parents to a point about twenty miles distant from the Vermont state line, where he passed the next two years of his life, and thence to Manchester, N. H. His life previous to going to Manchester had all been passed under the parental roof, his father teaching him the trade of millwright, and in the Amoskeag mills of Manchester he spent five years working at that occupation. At the expiration of that time he accepted a position in Lowell, Mass., which he filled for two years, and then, March 5, 1853, he removed to Manitowoc county, Wis., to engage in farming and incidentally in lumbering. He lived there for a period of twenty-nine years, during which time he was eminently successful in his undertakings, and in 1882 he came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. In May of that year he located on a farm in Canton township, which he conducted for five years, or till 1887, when he removed to the town of Canton, where he has since been spending his declining years in the enjoyment of the fruits of his well-directed labor and energy.

Our subject was a resident of Wisconsin when the war broke out, and in August, 1862, he enlisted in company K, Twenty-first Wisconsin volunteer infantry, serving until December following, when, on account of a serious injury, he was discharged. Mr. Johnson, in the battle of Perryville, Ky., was taken a prisoner, but was soon after

paroled and went to Camp Lew Wallace, Columbus, Ohio, where he remained until mustered out, returning immediately to his home in Wisconsin. Politically he is a staunch Republican and a strong adherent to the principles of that party. He is also a member of Gen. Lyon post No. 11, Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Johnson was fortunate in choosing his life companion, securing for his wife Miss Elizabeth Ham, to whom he was wedded in Lowell, Mass., July 1, 1852. Mrs. Johnson was born in Great Falls, N. H., March 7, 1832, and is still spared to the companionship of her husband and children. She was one of a family of ten children—five sons and five daughters—born to Seth W. and Hannah (Layton) Ham, the father born in Dover, N. H., and a baker by trade. He died at the home of his daughter and son-in-law in Canton township while on a visit. Mrs. Ham was also a native of New Hampshire. The union of our subject and Miss Ham has been blessed to them by the advent of five children, one of whom is dead. The living are: George H., Owen A., Ida F. (now the wife of Walter Straw) and Lydia J., who married John Kean. Chris. (deceased) was but five years old when he died. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are devout Christians and members of the Presbyterian church.

**W**ILLIAM BELL is a worthy and greatly respected member of the farming community of Canton township, Lincoln county, where he has been industriously engaged in agriculture since 1888. He was born in Rochester, N. Y., March 9, 1844, and was reared

by his grandmother, Mrs. Annie Bell, of Milwaukee, until he was fourteen years of age, she dying at that time. His father also having died in Milwaukee, William returned home to help his mother and assist in caring for the family. For a while he followed the life of a sailor on the great lakes, and then at different places in the woods of Wisconsin was employed in lumbering. The latter occupation he followed until about 1884, when he was compelled to relinquish his work. Four years later in the early autumn of 1888, he came to Lincoln county, Dak., and purchased 160 acres of land in section 8 of Canton township, where he has since continued to reside.

Mr. Bell has given his entire attention to his business, improving his land and erecting a set of good substantial buildings, and incidentally he has added to his original purchase forty acres more, and now tills a farm of 200 acres. His energy and labor have all been expended in the betterment of his condition, from a financial standpoint he has succeeded admirably, and is now one of the well-to-do and thriving agriculturists of his locality. He is a public-spirited and generous man, devoting much time to the advancement of the welfare of the community, but he has not been an aspirant to political offices, preferring to leave such matters to those who, though probably no better fitted for positions as public officers than he, have more time and attention to give to the discharge of the duties.

Mr. Bell was married in Milwaukee, Wis., June 23, 1873, to Miss Caroline Minor. This lady is of German birth, having been born in the fatherland, February 28, 1844, but her parents brought her to Amer-

ica with them when she was but four years of age, and she grew to womanhood in Milwaukee.

**J**OHAN H. ECHELBERRY, whose sketch is next in order, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, November 25, 1848, a son of Abraham and Emily A. (Atwood) Echelberry. The former was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, September 2, 1814, and Mrs. Echelberry first saw the light in Shenandoah county, Va., April 8, 1816. They were married in Morgan county, Ohio, January 10, 1838, and immediately took up their residence on a farm in Muskingum county, where they continued to live until 1878, coming that year to Clay county, Dak. Ter., and settling on a farm in Bethel township, where they still reside, passing the evening of their lives in comfort. They raised a family of nine children, namely: James H., Mary E., Sarah C., Amanda E., John H., Margaret, Joseph, Cynthia and Lewis.

Our subject was the fifth child in order of birth and was reared to manhood in his native county in the Buckeye state. He began his education in the public schools, but advantages were necessarily limited owing to the fact that the schools then were of the most primitive character, and also that his assistance was needed at home on the farm. He was early inured to hard labor but thereby developed a self-reliance and energy of purpose which have proved of incalculable benefit to him in his business career. Mr. Echelberry has been a resident of Dakota since 1870, at which time he came to the territory and homesteaded the 160 acres on section 3 of Bethel township,

Clay county, whereon he now lives. He has given his whole attention to agriculture and is considered one of the most successful and enterprising farmers of the county. A life of industrious effort marked by honesty and uprightness has made Mr. Echelberry an honored citizen and won him the love and confidence of the entire community. Politically he is a Republican.

**J**OHAN C. OVERTON, an intelligent and prosperous citizen of Parker township, Turner county, where he is engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, was born in Dane county, Wis., January 14, 1856. He is a son of John and Lucina L. (Otto) Overton, and the seventh child of a family of twelve children. He passed his boyhood days in his native place, where he attended the common schools and then took a course at the Wayland university, which is located at Beaver Dam, Wis., finishing his education at the Whitewater State Normal school. During the winter he taught school and thereby assisted materially in paying his tuition through college. In 1877 he went to Colorado, where he found employment with the Colorado Central Railroad company, which he followed about a year, and in 1878 came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and took up the homestead where he now lives. He also entered a timber claim of 160 acres, making in all 320 acres, which he has improved by fencing, building a house and barns, etc., and setting out trees. He does quite an extensive general farming and stock raising business.

Mr. Overton trod life's pathway singly until November 23, 1881, when he was



married to Eliza T. Blake. This lady is a native of New Hampshire, where she passed her childhood, coming to South Dakota in 1880. They have no children. Mr. Overton has always voted the Republican ticket, and has been favored by his townsmen with various public offices. He was elected treasurer of Parker township in 1896, has been school treasurer of Marion township, which includes ten schools, for five years, and is now treasurer of his own school district. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian church and take an active interest in all religious matters. He is especially interested in the cause of temperance, in which he is a zealous worker.

A few words regarding Mr. Overton's ancestors will be of interest. John Overton, the father of our subject, was a native of England and came to America at the age of eleven years with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robin Overton. They first located near Toledo, Ohio, and then removed about 1847 to Dane county, Wis. There they settled on a farm, where Mr. Overton died, at the age of seventy years, and his good wife in her eightieth year. John Overton as married near Toledo to Miss Lucina L. Otto, a native of New York, where she was reared until about twelve years of age, when she came with her parents to Ohio and settled near Toledo. The same year his father died, 1847. Mr. Overton removed with his wife from Toledo to Wisconsin and located on a farm in Dane county, where they remained until the spring of 1878, when they came to Dakota territory. There he died, at the age of sixty-six years, and his wife at the age of seventy. Of the family of twelve children but six grew to maturity, and four are now living, besides our subject, viz:

Adele M., wife of J. S. Brown, of Denver, Colo.; Silas R., of Hennesy, Okla. Ter.; Marie L. and Hattie C., both of whom are teachers in the public schools of Denver, Colo.

**B**ENJAMIN E. KETCHUM. Among the residents of Lincoln county, who are successfully tilling a portion of the soil, is the gentleman above named, who has his home in section 12, Canton township. The estate which is one of the most desirable in the county is improved with every needful and convenient structure in the way of farm buildings, a cozy residence, and such modern appliances for agricultural work as indicate that the owner and manager is thoroughly imbued with the American spirit of progress.

Benjamin E. Ketchum first saw the light in North Adams, Mass., October 11, 1847, and in 1853 his parents, Levi and Miranda (Cook) Ketchum, removed to Du Page county, Ill., and after making their home there for some twenty years located in Will county, Ill., where Mr. Ketchum died. Benjamin remained a member of the parental household until he was thirty-one years of age, his father being an invalid and incapable of hard labor, and the work on the farm consequently fell on his son's shoulders. He grew to manhood in Du Page county, and when his father removed to Will county he accompanied him. Benjamin E. Ketchum was married on October 15, 1878, to Miss Henrietta D. Keller, of Boston, Mass., in Chicago. This estimable lady was born in the old Bay state December 16, 1852, and was a daughter of Christian and Henrietta (Burkhardt) Keller. Mr. Keller died in Chi-

cago in November, 1890. After the marriage ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum continued to reside in Will county, Ill., until 1886, and then he removed with his family to Minneapolis, Minn., engaging in farming in the vicinity of that city for two years. In April, 1888, they arrived in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and settled on section 12, of Canton township, where they have since continued to reside. Mr. Ketchum has spent much time and money in the improvement of his property, and, from a financial standpoint has succeeded admirably in his undertaking. In educational matters he is also prominent, and for several years has been treasurer of his school district; in fact in all local affairs he takes a prominent part and uses his influence in the cause of good government, of which he is a stanch advocate.

Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum's married life has been a happy one, and their union has been blessed to them by the advent of six children, one of whom, Gertrude E., died in Canton township, September 23, 1888, when but six years of age. The surviving members of the family are: Herbert C., Lulu J., Benjamin E., Levi and Pauline.

**J**AMES SHANLEY. Another of the veterans of the late war, who are now tilling the soil as a means of livelihood in Lincoln county, and incidentally gaining a competence, is the gentleman whose name introduces these paragraphs. Mr. Shanley has deservedly prospered in his enterprise as a farmer, and holds a leading place among the agriculturists of Canton township, in section 7 of which he has a fine farm of 160 acres.

James Shanley first saw the light in the city of Lowell, Mass., December 25, 1839. He made his residence in Lowell until fourteen years old, attending school, and then went to Washington county, Vt., to engage in the occupation of farming. He was living in the latter place when the war broke out, and as soon as he could, which was August, 1862, he enlisted in company B, Thirteenth Vermont regiment, infantry. During the progress of the battle of Gettysburg, which was one of the engagements in which our subject participated, he was sun-struck, and has not fully recovered from the effects of it yet. After nine months of faithful service he was mustered out at Brattleboro, Vt., and shortly after secured employment in a slate quarry in Northfield, Vt. He next engaged in farming in Washington county, of the same state, and continued to reside there until 1870, when he arrived in Lincoln county, Dakota territory. In March of that year he took up his present farm as a homestead and located thereon with his family. He started in to break up his land and put in a crop, but when the grasshoppers were so numerous they cleaned up his crops several years in succession, and for a while thereafter he worked on the railroad. After a few years, however, he again returned to the farm, and has ever since continued to reside there, improving and cultivating it and erecting some good, substantial buildings for the accommodation of his stock and grain, as well as a comfortable residence for himself and family. He has taken an active interest in local affairs, and matters concerning the welfare of the community at large, and is a member of Gen-Lyon post No. 11, G. A. R.

December 26, 1861, the rites of wedlock were celebrated between our subject and Miss Mary J. Hassett, in Washington county, Vt., in which county the bride was born September 17, 1841. They have been blessed with six children, viz.: John A., Nellie J., Mary J., who is now the wife of Timothy Riley, of Lennox, S. Dak.; Daniel H., who was married November 26, 1896, to Sadie Ralston; Eliza N., and Fannie, who died when ten years old. Mr. and Mrs. Shanley are devout members of the Catholic church, and regular attendants at worship.

**R**EV. NELSON P. NELSON, president of the North and South Dakota conferences of the Seventh Day Adventist church, who is also farming a tract of 200 acres on section 9 of Swan Lake township, Turner county, in connection with the discharge of his pastoral duties, is a native of Denmark, born January 6, 1844. He was reared in a small village in his native country until he had attained the age of fifteen years, and then was apprenticed to learn the trade of carpenter. He spent three years as an apprentice and for two years more worked as a journeyman at ship-building, and then in the spring of 1865 left his mother country for the United States.

After landing at Quebec, Mr. Nelson came direct to Benton county, Iowa, where he worked at his trade chiefly the first year and then rented a farm in the same county, devoting his energy and attention to cultivating that property until he came to Dakota territory, which was in 1871. May of that year he settled with his family on a homestead which he had entered on section 18 of

Swan Lake township, Turner county, of 160 acres, and continued to reside thereon until 1892, when he removed to section 9 of the same township, his present place of residence. He has devoted his time to his religious duties and the cultivation of his farm. He formerly owned about 400 acres, but, as stated above, 200 comprise his present estate.

Mr. Nelson, in 1892, was ordained a minister of the gospel in the Seventh Day Adventist church, at the same time being made president of the South Dakota conference of that denomination, and in 1894 he was elected president of the North Dakota conference, and at present holds this dual position. He is of a deeply religious temperament, a devout Christian, and his daily life betokens his calling. He has made many friends, and is universally respected and esteemed for his bearing as a man and citizen, and for his many excellent traits of character.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Andrea Kier, also a native of Denmark, born November 27, 1843, was celebrated in Benton county, Iowa, November 30, 1866. To this happy union has come a family of six living children, of whom we note the following: Andrew, is a graduate of the college as Battle Creek, Mich., and is now and has been a missionary in Denmark since 1893; he was a student at the university of Copenhagen for three years; Nelson P. Nelson, the second child in order of birth, is now attending that institution of learning, preparing himself for doctor; Chris is a nurse in the Battle Creek sanitarium; and the following children who complete the family are still at home, viz.: Theo, Ida and William. Three children have died, Lena at the age of thir-

teen years, an infant son, and Alfred at the age of twelve.

Mr. Nelson was formerly a justice of the peace, when he first came to the territory. But of late has devoted his attention to religious and temperance work exclusively.

CONSTANTINE BRANCH, who is farming on section 25, Brooklyn township, Lincoln county, was born in the kingdom of Sweden, May 21, 1842. He spent his boyhood days in the usual manner of lads in his native land, receiving an education in the excellent common schools there. He was taught the trade of brick-laying and also served as a private in the army, and in 1869 made up his mind to try his fortune in the land of the free. After completing the voyage across the stormy Atlantic and arriving in New York, he continued west and located in Jefferson county, Ill., where he secured work on a railroad near Ashley for the following three years. From Illinois he started for Muskegon and Whitehall, Mich., thence to Council Bluffs, Iowa, and later to Pittsburg, Pa., where he worked on the railroad and also in the rolling mills. From Pittsburg he returned to the Prairie state, first in Gillman, then in Clinton and later to Chicago, where he passed the winter working at plastering. In the spring of 1872 he arrived in Dakota territory and entered as a homestead the farm on which he now makes his residence. No roads had been laid out and civilization was in its infancy, so he made arrangements to hire his breaking done and returned to Chicago. On coming back to his claim he made a "dug-out" in which to live and

then secured employment at Sioux City at his trade.

On October 25, 1875, Mr. Branch was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Miss Christina Nordin, also a native of Sweden, born September 1, 1844, who came to America the same year Mr. Branch did. After their marriage the couple settled upon the farm, but in 1887 removed to Kansas and the following two years made their home in Lindsborg. Since 1889, however, they have been constant residents of Lincoln county. They are the parents of six children, but only one of this little family survives—Ellen Constantine. This daughter has had the advantage of a liberal education and is quite proficient in instrumental music, her parents paying special attention to her education in this art.

Mr. Branch operates 240 acres of land, 190 acres of which are under the plow, and on this property he carries on a mixed farming business. All the present improvements he has put on the farm himself, and among the buildings which adorn the place is a nice, comfortable residence which was built in 1889. He has filled all the offices of the local school board at various times and is a friend of education. In politics he is a Republican, and a staunch supporter of its principles. He has served as a member of the town board, road overseer, and also in the capacity of township treasurer. He has been a witness of much of the growth of the county, has aided in its development and has watched its upbuilding and advancement year by year.

Mr. and Mrs. Branch are living consistent Christian lives, and are industrious, hospitable and charitable people. They are members of the Free Congregation church,

mained a member of the parental household and assisted his father on the farm until he started in for himself, when he engaged in farming in Walworth county, Wis. He did a general farming business in Wisconsin until 1883, the year of his coming to Dakota territory with his brother William H., now deceased. They located at Hurley, Turner county, and engaged in the lumber business, opening the first yard for the sale of that commodity in the town. He sold out three years later and came to Parker, where he established himself in the same line of business, to which he has added coal, and has continued same ever since.

Mr. Conklin's first marriage occurred in 1856, when he led to the altar Miss Louisa Cornue. By this union there were three children, viz.: Jerod, deceased; Carrie M., now the wife of Alonzo Allen, of Hurley; and Maggie, deceased. Mrs. Conklin died in 1873, and he subsequently married Lillie Denny, a native of Lawrence, McHenry Co., Ill. They are the parents of two children—Belle and Albert M. Mr. Conklin has always been a Republican on political issues. His first presidential vote was cast for Gen. Fremont, in 1856, and he has voted on that side ever since. In Hurley he was president of the town board. Religiously he is a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he has been an elder for the past eighteen years. In 1888 he was elected a delegate to the general assembly of that denomination in Philadelphia. Mr. Conklin has always taken an active interest in educational matters, and at the time of the organization of the Scotland academy, in 1884, he was elected a trustee of the same and has served in that capacity ever since, being re-elected every three years.

CHARLES PRINSLOW, the owner of 640 acres of land situated in Brooklyn township, Lincoln county, has met with excellent success in his farming operations. He has made his home in the county since 1877, is the possessor of one of its best farms, and by his fair dealing and upright life has made many friends.

Mr. Prinslow was born in Brandenburg, Germany, September 28, 1853, and grew to be sixteen years of age in the land of his birth. He also received his education in the excellent schools for which the fatherland is noted, and when his parents emigrated to America in 1869 he accompanied them and settled on a farm in Fond-du-Lac county, Wis. As our subject was raised to the occupation of a farmer he gained much valuable information as to the safe and profitable conduct of an estate, so that when he took a tract of land on shares in Brooklyn township, Lincoln county, in 1877, he succeeded so well with the enterprise that the next year he was able to buy some property for himself. That was in 1878, and the same year he purchased and settled on his present farm. But few improvements marked the property then, and after building a shanty 10x12 feet he started in to get his land ready for a crop.

For three years he kept "bachelor's hall" in his little shanty, and then in 1881 he had a much larger and better house constructed on his premises and made various other preparations before taking the most important step in his life—his marriage. The happy bride in this instance was Miss Sarah Ann Ireland, who was born near Beaver Dam, Wis., November 30, 1859. Her father, J. B. Ireland, later settled in

Chickasaw county, Iowa, but is now a resident of Centerville. Mr. and Mrs. Prinslow immediately after their wedding took up their domestic life in the home he had prepared, and they have ever since been residents thereof. As occasion or circumstances demanded, different additions have been built onto the original dwelling, and it is now a spacious and comfortable place of abode, in which live our subject and his estimable wife, surrounded by an interesting family of seven children, viz.: Mabel, Elmer, Louis, Frank, Minnie, Charles and Alice.

Mr. Prinslow has paid strict attention to his business; under his able and efficient management the soil of his farm produces abundant crops, and he has doubled and tripled many, many times the \$300.00 with which he started his career in Dakota territory. Of the 640 acres comprising his estate, half is under cultivation, and to carry on the work he makes use of twelve head of horses, and employs one man the year round and two during the summer and fall. His name heads the township assessor's list, he having the largest farm in the township, and on this property he has erected various out-buildings for the accommodation and shelter of his garnered crops, etc. He raises principally corn in the cereal, and hogs and cattle in the live stock line, handling in the neighborhood of 100 head of cattle and 200 hogs per annum.

Mr. Prinslow is a friend of education and shows it by affording his children the advantage of good schooling. He is serving as clerk of his school district now. Politically he is independent and always has been, believing that the party should be sacrificed for the man. In local matters he takes quite an active interest, and has been hon-

ored by his fellow townsmen by election to various responsible positions within their gift, among which may be named the office of township treasurer, which he held for two years; four years as chairman of the town board, and also numerous terms as highway commissioner.

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**W**ILLIAM S. EGE, a retired merchant and one of the most influential men in Turner county, was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., January 21, 1834.

He is of German-English descent, his father, Michael M. Ege, although a native of Pennsylvania, being of direct German parentage, and his mother, Louisa (Murel) Ege, a native of Philadelphia, and of English descent. Of this family there were ten children, five of whom are still living.

The subject of this review is the third child, and was reared in his native county until ten years of age, where he attended the public schools. At the age of ten he accompanied his parents to Highland county, Ohio, and there remained until he was sixteen years old. The family then removed to Columbia county, Wis., where the father engaged in the mercantile and milling business. Here our subject assisted his father in the store, remaining with him until he became of lawful age.

On February 22, 1855, William S. Ege was united in marriage to Eliza Thomas. Mrs. Ege is a native of New York, and was born in Wayne county, December 31, 1837. She is the daughter of Jacob and Roxie (Henshaw) Thomas. Her father was of German descent, and her mother of Eng-

lish parentage. Mrs. Ege is the sixth child of a family of ten children. The first ten years of her life were spent in her native state. She then removed with her parents to the state of Wisconsin.

After his marriage Mr. Ege, with his young wife, located in Columbia county, Wis., where he conducted a store and carried on farming until 1865. In that year he enlisted in company A, Forty-ninth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, as a private. He served nine months, to the close of the war. After being mustered out he returned to Wisconsin, and continued his business until 1872. At that time Dakota territory was offering great inducements to men of enterprise and ambition, and Mr. Ege located on a farm in Lincoln county. He improved his homestead, and remained upon it about five years, and then removed to what was then Centerville (now known as old Centerville), and opened up a general store. He was also appointed postmaster. There he remained in business until the present town of Centerville was located. He then removed his establishment to the new town of Centerville. His affairs prospered in every way. He built the first house in the new town. He built the hostelry known as the "Phoenix Hotel," in 1884. He has erected more buildings in Centerville than any other man in the city, and now owns eight or ten building and very valuable property in various parts of the city. He was postmaster at Centerville until the election of Cleveland as president of the United States. Finally, in 1888, he sold out his mercantile establishment and retired from active business.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ege two children were born, a son and a daughter. William E., a

sketch of whose life appears in this volume in another place, is a resident of Centerville. Ella M., the daughter, is the wife of A. N. Bonine, of Centerville.

In political faith Mr. Ege has always been a staunch Republican, though he has never sought political honors. He is a member in good standing of lodge No. 97, I. O. O. F., Centerville. No man in this section of South Dakota commands a higher degree of confidence and respect than Mr. Ege.

AUGUST KUHLE, who is engaged in farming on section 33, Star township, Clay county, is a native of the kingdom of Prussia, and was born August 31, 1837. He grew to manhood in his native land, and was educated in the excellent common schools through which the fatherland fits every one of its subjects for the battle of life, and when he had attained the age of seventeen years he emigrated to America. He spent about twelve months in Chicago, where he secured employment in a sash and door factory, and his parents, then having come to this country in the meantime, he accompanied them to Iowa and settled on a farm there in Clayton county. He remained with his parents until 1861, when he again started for Chicago, but only stayed there a short time, going thence to Freeport. In the latter place he followed teaming for about a year, and farmed for another year, and in February, 1863, enlisted in company C, Forty-sixth Illinois regiment, infantry, as a private. He served nearly two years during the most trying time of the great Civil war, and during that struggle took part in the battles of



Jackson, Miss., and Mobile, Ala., and many minor engagements and skirmishes of lesser importance.

After the close of hostilities he was mustered out and discharged at Baton Rouge, La., and immediately returned north to Stephenson county, Ill., going from the "Prairie state" to Clayton county, Iowa, where, for the following thirteen years he devoted his energies to farming. In March, 1878, he came to Dakota territory and bought a farm of 160 acres on sections 32 and 33 of Star township, Clay county, and on this property he has since resided. He took up his home on the latter section and has erected some very good buildings, which are conveniently disposed near a comfortable dwelling, in which he and his family reside. The estate consists of 320 acres in all, under good cultivation, and from this our subject reaps a rich harvest.

The marriage of Mr. Kuhler and Miss Augusta Hillebrand, who was born in Detmold, Prussia, October 26, 1845, was celebrated in Stephenson county, Ill., December 27, 1862. Mrs. Kuhler was about ten years of age when she accompanied her parents to this country, and in Freeport, Ill., where the family settled, she grew to womanhood and was educated. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhler are the parents of an interesting family of fourteen living children, viz.: Louisa, the wife of William Hardin; Emma, now Mrs. Henrie Stumpges; Otto, William, Edward, Ella, Lydia, Mary, Esther, George, John, Matilda, Franciska and Carrie. Of the dead children, Clara died when she was fourteen years old, and two in infancy.

Mr. Kuhler has held various of the school and township offices, and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Religiously he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and his wife also holds membership in the same denomination.

CHRIST N. OVERGAARD, who is the subject of the present sketch, is a prominent and prosperous farmer and stock raiser, and makes his home on section 28 of Delaware township, Lincoln county. His farm consists of 720 acres, and has been brought to a state of cultivation unexcelled in all the township. It is devoted to the purposes of grain and stock raising, which Mr. Overgaard carries on according to the most approved methods, thereby winning a due reward for his toil and forethought.

Mr. Overgaard is a native of Denmark, born March 20, 1858. He was educated in the land of his nativity, and there grew to manhood, learning the trade of baker. In the spring of 1872, when he was twenty-four years old, he started on his journey to America, and on landing came direct to Chicago, where he secured employment at his trade. He remained in the latter place and Wisconsin for the following two years, and then, in 1874, came to Dakota territory and took up a homestead and timber claim, which are a part of his present estate. From the time he built his first little house when he entered the land he has been a constant resident of Delaware township, and, although he was compelled to work out for others in order to get money with which to carry on his own improvements, he nevertheless applied himself diligently to the betterment of his own condition at intervals, and he is now reaping his reward. He has made farm business his life work, toiling







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early and late, and, being a steady worker as well as possessed of sound judgment and business acumen, has gradually amassed his present degree of wealth and affluence. As stated above the estate consists of 720 acres; this is divided off into convenient fields by neat fences, and all is broke and under cultivation, with the exception of a small tract used for pasture purposes. The comfortable residence, which adorns the premises, he built in 1882, and he has also erected three wind-mills, three barns, the largest 32 x 110 feet, another 40 x 60 feet, and one thirty-two feet square, besides planting an orchard of over 200 trees, and forty acres of timber. He raises corn and small grain, and in the live stock line feeds from two to four carloads of cattle, and 200 head of hogs per annum, never having missed a year in over fifteen years. He handles the largest number of cattle in the township, and constantly endeavors to improve the grade of his animals by keeping registered stock for breeding purposes.

After ten years of "baching" on his homestead, our subject decided that it was not good for man to be alone, and as he had a very high regard for the virtues and pleasing manners of Miss Mary Jensen, who was also born in Denmark, in 1859, and came to this country in 1882, he proposed marriage, was accepted, and their wedding took place in 1883. They are the parents of seven children, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Matilda K., Allie Victor, Mary N., Norah M., Lilla E., Ethel and Esther, twins. The children old enough are attending school, and give promise of growing into useful man and womanhood.

Mr. Overgaard is a potent factor in the

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prosperity enjoyed by Lincoln county, and has been of great assistance in developing and extending its agriculture. His is the record of an upright life, and he is an influence for good in the community, with whose highest interests his name is associated. He is a man of wealth and popularity, is generous in the disposition of his means, and his public spirit has never been called in question. Mr. Overgaard has been a Republican ever since he came to America.

**F**RANK P. SMITH, M. D. While all professional men are accorded great respect for the talents that have enabled them to rise, as it were, above the common callings of life, there is no one class that commands more universal respect and liking than do physicians, who have power to relieve pain, comfort and help the sick and distressed, and in a thousand ways benefit humanity. We have probably all experienced those moments when a loved one was lying very low and hope seemed almost to have forsaken us, and distinctly remember how that same hope seemed to regain ground when the cheerful voice of the family physician fell upon our ear. Men, women and children have faith in the one whose skill and knowledge has driven grim death from the door.

It is, therefore, with pleasure that we present the biography of Dr. Smith to the readers of this volume. As an influential member of a prominent class he has won respect and is universally conceded to be well-grounded in the mysteries of the art of healing. He was born at Rouse Point, N. Y., November 2, 1852. His father, Chauncy Smith, was a farmer by occupation, and it

was on his farm that our subject was reared and grew to manhood. Such education as was dispensed in the common schools of his neighborhood afforded him a degree of practical knowledge, and after completing a grammar school course he entered the Burlington (Vt.) high school, from which he graduated in 1872. He remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age, and then, deciding to adopt the medical profession as his life work, he attended the Albany Medical college of Albany, N. Y., later the Bellevue Hospital Medical college in New York city, and from the latter institution graduated in 1877. He began the practice of medicine at Rouse Point, N. Y., his native town, as an assistant in the office of his preceptor, and two years later, 1879, came to Canton, Dak. Ter., where he has since followed his profession. Dr. Smith occupies a leading position among the medical practitioners of Lincoln county, and is one of the oldest physicians in Canton. In local affairs of importance he takes an active interest, having been the first superintendent of the Lincoln county board of health, which position he held for nine years, and is the present occupant of the county physician's office. The appointive position of commissioner on insanity for Lincoln county he held for nearly five years, and for eleven years has been on the staff of the C., M. & St. P. railroad as surgeon; also is secretary of the Canton board of United States pension examiners. From the many important positions that this gentleman has held it will be seen that he enjoys the entire respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen, and not only is this so as the result of his superior knowledge as a physician in medical matters, but also in political affairs, in which he has taken

a conspicuous part, having been chosen alternate to the Democratic convention at Chicago in 1896.

The marriage of Dr. Smith and Miss Helen Miller was celebrated October 4, 1893, in Canton, the bride being a native of Wisconsin, and a very bright and intelligent young lady.

A portrait of the Doctor is presented in connection with this short review of his life.

**I**RA H. SMITH, one of the earliest settlers in the northwestern part of Union county, well known and popular among his fellowmen, resides on a comfortable farm in Alcester township, although himself retired from the active duties of a farmer. He was born November 29, in Woodbury, Vt., seventeen miles north of Montpelier. His father, John Smith, died when he was but eighteen months old, and his mother, Hannah (Drew) Smith, then moved with her children to Northwood, N. H., where her parents lived. Here Ira resided till he was six years of age, when he accompanied his mother and stepfather, Thomas King, to Stratford county, N. H. The day before he was seven years old he ran away from home, and for two two years and a half his people knew not where he was. He crossed over the line into the state of Maine, where he found kindness in the hearts of an old Quaker and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Varney, with whom he lived a year. Then he found a home with a Mr. Butler for a year and a half, for whom he worked. In his ninth year he drove a team of four oxen in hauling logs to the mill. Mr. Butler accidentally met William King, our subject's stepfather, at the

mill one day, and showed him how nice a boy he had could pile logs. Mr. King wanted to know who the boy was, and Mr. Butler replied Ira Smith. It was all up then, and Ira was induced by his mother to return home; but he only remained a few months, when he again struck out for himself, and did not see his mother for seven years. He had no advantage of schooling at all in his boyhood, and when he was a good-sized lad of fourteen years he began to see the necessity for an education. By diligent and persistent study he succeeded in learning how to read, write and figure a little, and by close observation gathered together a fund of knowledge which has been invaluable to him in later years.

Mr. Smith was married in 1841 to Jane Bodge in New Hampshire, and in 1849 he came west, locating near Waupun, in Dodge county, Wis. In this region he was a pioneer; he had but little means, and he and his wife worked out for a few years and then returned to New Hampshire, subsequently coming back again to Wisconsin. Later for a number of years he worked and lived in different states—Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, Minnesota, and others. When he arrived in Union county, in 1872, he possessed a span of horses, a pair of colts, seven head of cattle and a wagon; the latter was his most costly possession at that time. He homesteaded the quarter section where he now lives, on section 6, borrowing \$1 to make up the entrance fee, in July, 1872, and that summer erected the house where he now resides, hauling the lumber from the Missouri river below Elk Point. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one daughter, now Mrs. Lydia J. Forbes, who resides with her husband in the neighborhood.

Mr. Smith has held some of the township offices—treasurer, clerk, etc.—and could have had the nomination numberless times for positions of more importance, but always declined, accepting only those of minor importance through the importunities of his many friends. Originally he was a Democrat, but at present is independent in politics.

Mr. Smith's career is out of the ordinary, few men having ever passed through the ordeals he has. Thrown on the world on his own resources when only seven years old, he never lost heart then or thereafter. He has met every demand made on him by the adversities of fate and overcome every obstacle. He is now living with his aged wife in quiet retirement in their comfortable home, both in the enjoyment of reasonable health and in command of all their faculties. They are typical of the pioneer class, plain, hospitable folk, who are widely and favorably known for their many excellent traits of character.

**S**AMUEL LUTHER WHITLOW. Perhaps no better type of the best farming class can be found in Lincoln county than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He made his first appearance in the county in 1878 in company with his brother, Dempsey I. Whitlow, and during all the years that have passed since that event has gained the commendation of his acquaintances by his upright life, wise habits and intelligence. His home is on section 11 of Delaware township, and his estate comprises 480 broad and fertile acres, upon which many improvements have been made, such as fit

it for the dwelling place of an intelligent and refined family.

The name Whitlow can be traced to the early history of the country, it having been borne by one of what was familiarly known as the F. F. V. (First Families of Virginia). Grandfather Whitlow was a native of the "Old Dominion," and on January 7, 1821, in Russell county of the same state, John T. Whitlow, the father of our subject, first saw the light. He was reared in the place of his nativity until seven years of age, when his parents removed to Gordonsville, Logan Co., Ky., and in the latter place he grew to maturity. His first marriage was solemnized September 7, 1842, Miss Elvira Grable, a daughter of Wesley Grable, being the bride, and in 1861 he left the Blue Grass state with his wife and family and started for Illinois, settling in Marion county on a farm near Walnut Hill. On the 1st of August, 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois regiment, infantry, but before he was mustered into service his wife was taken ill and died, leaving motherless and to his care three small children, the eldest nine years and the youngest nine months old, and on account of this misfortune he was relieved from army duty. Mr. Whitlow subsequently married, February 11, 1863, Mrs. Diantha L. Watson, *nee* Randall, and March 1, 1865, again enlisted in the United States army. This time he was enrolled in company D, Eighteenth Illinois regiment, infantry, the regiment being ordered to Little Rock, Ark., on guard duty, and there he served until the close of hostilities, being discharged at Pine Bluff, Ark., on the 17th of December, 1865.

After five years of married life his second wife also passed to her reward beyond

the grave, and June 22, 1868, he led to the altar Anna Straight. Mr. and Mrs. Whitlow then removed to Kent county, Mich., and settled on a farm there, where Mr. Whitlow besides his agricultural duties also operated a grist mill, and in 1878 he left the Wolverine state for Dakota territory. In the spring of that year he settled in section 19 of Lincoln township, Lincoln county, and continued to make his home there until overtaken by the grim traveler Death, June 12, 1888. He was active in local matters, and while a resident of Michigan held various of the offices of the township. Although the advantages offered him for an education were decidedly limited, as schools in his day were few and expensive, he was nevertheless a close observer, and gained much valuable knowledge in this way which proved of great benefit to him during the more mature years of his life. His whole career was one of principle and uprightness, and he died as he had lived in his daily life—strong in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church.

By his first wife Mr. Whitlow was the parent of six children: Christopher M., the eldest, enlisted in the Union army and was ordered with his regiment to Paducah, Ky., where he contracted the measles, at that time epidemic in that section, and died September 15, 1861, aged almost seventeen years; his remains are interred in the Walnut Hill cemetery in Marion county, Ill.; Ellen, deceased; S. L., the subject of this biography; Dempsey I., whose sketch will be found on another page of this record; and two sons who died in infancy. His second wife bore him two children, Benjamin T. and Jason L., and by his third wife, who still survives him, he became the father of

six children, viz.: Lizzie, deceased; Ellen, Dolph, Elmer, Rena, and Carrie, who died at the age of seventeen months.

Samuel L. Whitlow, the gentleman to whom these few brief paragraphs in particular refer, was born in Logan county, Ky., September 25, 1853. He grew to be quite a lad in Marion county, Ill., and was educated there and in Michigan, where he had accompanied his parents. He was bred to farm work and like a dutiful son stayed at home assisting his father until he attained his majority. In the fall of 1878, as stated above, he made his appearance in Dakota territory and the first year was engaged in carpenter work, farming, etc. The second year, with his brother, he rented a farm, but on account of the grasshoppers they raised but twelve and a half bushels on the entire tract of 160 acres. He then pre-empted a farm in Hanson county and settled upon it, but later sold out and in 1880 purchased the property which comprises his present estate. When it came into his possession there had been a small grove planted and forty acres had been broke, but otherwise it was unimproved. Our subject first built a house, 12 x 18 feet, and in this took up his abode. His present farm of 480 acres is all improved, and on it he carries on a general farming business, raising grain and live-stock. Politically he has always been a Republican, and has taken quite an active part in local affairs of interest. Several township offices have been offered him but he has always refused the nomination, preferring to give his time and attention to his business.

The marriage of Mr. Whitlow and Miss Lois M. Dann, who was born August 11, 1861, was celebrated October 27, 1884, at

the home of the bride's parents, and to this congenial union has been born a family of five children, viz.: Grace E., Ava E., Harry D., Ella Ruth and Hazel M. Three of the children attend the district schools, and the family belong to the Baptist church of Lincoln township.

**J**OHNN LINDAHL, M. D. This name will be at once recognized by many readers as that of an able physician and surgeon, located in Centerville, Turner county, who has a fine practice and a record of success. Since he turned his attention to medicine he has been a close student and a keen observer of human nature in every particular which bears upon disease and its cure. He possesses acute powers of diagnosing diseases and is skillful in his treatment, thus winning confidence and inspiring his patients with faith in him and his resources.

Dr. Lindahl was born in Sweden near the city of Varborg, March 20, 1865, and was reared in his native place, graduating in due time from the excellent public schools of the kingdom. He had a natural bent toward the medical profession and first began reading books on the subject at the age of fifteen years, in the old country, and when he came to America in 1882 and located in Centerville, Iowa, his aspirations were soon made known to the late Dr. Robert Stevenson, professor of gynecology and diseases of women, in the Iowa college of physicians and surgeons, medical department of the Drake university at Des Moines, Iowa, who took him in his office and allowed him the use of his fine library and also assisted at times in his practice.

In due course of time Mr. Lindahl entered the Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons and graduated therefrom, receiving the prize for the highest standing in all branches at the competitive examination of his class. He embarked in practice in Stanton, Iowa, where he remained about a year, and then, in 1889, came to Centerville, where he has since followed his chosen profession. He keeps abreast of all discoveries in medical science, and owing to his skill and ability has won an excellent patronage. He has one of the largest practices in the state, extending into six counties, which amounts to many thousands per year. As may be imagined, he is constantly "on the go," and in the prosecution of his profession he keeps three teams, so as to always have a fresh pair of horses to use in case of an urgent call. He is a member of the South Dakota State Medical society and also the American Medical association, and stands high among the foremost in the medical fraternity of the state.

A marriage ceremony performed October 9, 1893, united the destinies of Dr. Lindahl and Miss Betsy H. Anderson, who was also born in Sweden. Mrs. Lindahl is a lady of much culture and refinement, a devout Christian, and has labored earnestly in the Master's vineyard. She has had wide experience in evangelistic work, having been a missionary to Russia and Finland, in each of which countries she spent a year, and divided ten years of her life in the same capacity in America and Sweden. She was a member of the committee that raised \$4,000 with which to erect one of the first missionary houses in southern Sweden, and her life as an evangelist and missionary has been very successful. Dr. Lindahl is a

Republican, stanch and true, and for two years has been a member of the school board.

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**A** B. McFARLAND. A reputable standing among the agriculturists of Delaware township, Lincoln county, is held by A. B. McFarland, who has shown the qualities of worthy manhood in the prosecution of his business affairs and in his associations with those about him. His landed possessions amount to 720 acres of as fine land as can be found in the township, all of which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, and on which he carries on an extensive general farming business.

Our subject is a son of John and Nancy R. McFarland, both natives of Pennsylvania, who made their home in that state until about the year 1854, when they removed west and settled in Green Bay, Wis. In 1883 they located upon a farm on section 34, Delaware township, Lincoln county, and here Mrs. McFarland passed to her reward beyond the grave. Mr. McFarland still survives, and is passing the evening of his life among his four living children, he and his estimable wife having been the parents of six in all.

A. B. McFarland was born in Indiana county, Pa., November 6, 1844, and was raised and educated in the Badger state, whither he had accompanied his parents when a lad. January, 1865, dates his enlistment in the service of the United States, he at that time being enrolled as corporal of company I, Forty-seventh Wisconsin regiment, infantry. He joined the regiment at Madison, Wis., and from there went to



Kentucky and then to Tennessee under the command of Gen. Thomas, guarding railroad property and hunting rebels who were engaged in guerrilla warfare. He served until October 10, 1865, and was then mustered out and discharged.

When his army life was over Mr. McFarland returned to Wisconsin, and there continued to make his home until 1882, when he came to Dakota territory and purchased the farm whereon he now makes his residence. It was but partially improved then, and most of what is now cultivated he has done himself. On the home farm of 480 acres he has built an imposing residence, barns and various outbuildings, and planted the groves thereon, etc. The property is all neatly fenced, and under his careful management is made to produce abundantly. He raises grain and live stock, making a specialty of breeding cattle for the general market.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Clara Mink occurred in 1870. Mrs. McFarland is a native of Wisconsin, and by her marriage with Mr. McFarland has become the mother of three children, viz.: Margaret M., wife of John Allibone, of Canton, S. Dak.; Hugh B. and John R., at home. Mrs. McFarland is a member of the Methodist church, and Mr. McFarland belongs to the Masonic fraternity, Blue lodge No. 91, of Centerville, and chapter No. 4, Siroc, of Canton. He is also a member of the Gen. Anson McCook post No. 46, G. A. R., in which he has served as commander, and is now adjutant.

Mr. McFarland, like all good citizens, has taken an active interest in local and political affairs. He has frequently been a delegate to the county and state conven-

tions of the Republican party, the candidates of which he supports by voice and vote, and is now chairman of the township central committee. As assessor he has served four years, and is the present chairman of the town board, now discharging the duties of his fourth term in this capacity. He is one of the influential and leading men of the locality, and as such is highly esteemed and respected.

**W**ILLIAM F. MAYER, a fine type of the thrifty German agriculturist, who is conducting his farming operations in section 23 of Star township, Clay county, was born in Wurtemberg, November 19, 1842. He passed the early years of his life in the fatherland, remaining there until 1855, at which time he embarked with an elder brother for the United States. Landing at New York city, the two proceeded west to Stephenson county, Ill., and there for many years our subject supported himself by working out at farm labor. He was able to attend school a portion of the time during the winter months, and after mastering the rudimentary branches as taught in the district schools he took a commercial course in Eastman's business college of Chicago, after which he returned to Stephenson county and rented a farm in Ridott township, which he operated for six years.

Mr. Mayer was married December 5, 1871, to Miss Rosa Rudel, also a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, born May 20, 1849. After the wedding the young couple took up their domestic life on the farm, and made this their home until December, 1873, when Mr. Mayer came with his wife and one child

to Dakota territory. The year previous he had purchased a farm in section 23 of Star township, Clay county, and on this property he located with his family, making it his home up to the present time. He owns 160 acres of as good land as is to be found in the township, and on this property has erected such buildings as are necessary for the safe and economical management of the farm business.

After twenty years of happy married life Mrs. Mayer passed from time to eternity, her death occurring in Star township October 17, 1891. She was the mother of six children—Louis W., Lydia L., Ellen M., Edwin S., Carrie F., and Rose A., all of whom survive—and when overtaken by the hand of Death belonged to the German Methodist church, of which she and her husband had been members since it was first organized.

Politically Mr. Mayer is a Republican of the staunchest type, and has always ably supported candidates of that party by both voice and vote. With local affairs also he has been closely identified, having been a justice of the peace two terms and town clerk three terms, as well as a school officer and postmaster of Star Corners, which latter office he held continuously for a period of ten years.

**E**RICK OLSON is an honorable member of the farming class of Lincoln county, and a respected citizen of Brooklyn township, where he is busily engaged in the management of the farm of which he is the fortunate proprietor. He first saw the light in Sweden, August 28, 1842, and grew to maturity on

his father's farm, in that country. His education was also received in the land of his nativity, and he remained a resident there until 1870, when he decided to emigrate to the land of the free.

He secured employment on arrival in America at Omaha, Neb., which was his first stopping place on the journey from the coast. He was taken ill there, but after convalescing shortly after removed to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he operated a steam shovel in railroad construction. From the fall of the same year to Christmas he was engaged in the same occupation at Pacific Junction, and then returned to Omaha. In 1872 he made his first appearance in Dakota, located his claim, and then returned to Omaha, where he remained until it became necessary for him to take up his residence on the homestead. He first built a board shanty, in which he put his bed and little stove, on which to prepare his meals, and then in the fall, as the weather began to grow cooler, he made a dug-out for winter quarters. As he owned no team, he hired the first ten acres of his land broke and this he sowed to grain, after which he had to go to work again in order to get money on which to live. The following year he worked six months on a ferryboat on the Sioux river, and later on secured employment at a sawmill five miles below Vermillion. At this latter place he secured the lumber with which to build his house, taking it in part pay for his labor. He then bought a pair of unbroken steers to haul the lumber to his claim, and the house he constructed therefrom was at the time the best to be seen for many miles around. He has lived here ever since, devoting his time and attention to general farming, grain and stock

raising, and has 100 acres of the 160 which constitute the farm under plow. Although his general health has always been poor, and made worse by the hardships and privations he was compelled to endure, he has succeeded in holding his own, and, besides, getting his land under cultivation, has put on all the various improvements, in the shape of outbuildings, neat fences, etc. He is a self-made man, as all he has and is he owes to his own exertions. His only capital to begin life on when he arrived was the tools that nature gave him, his ambition and sound traits of character.

Mr. Olson has been married twice, his first wife to whom he was wedded in 1881 being Miss Anna Martha Anderson, a native of Sweden. She died November 23, of the same year, and their only child, Otilia, is also deceased. His second marriage occurred August 29, 1891, when he led to the hymeneal altar Miss Emma Ruth, a sister of C. Branch, whose biography will be found on another page of this record. Mrs. Olson is also a native of Sweden, born June 22, 1856, and has been a resident of America since July 13, 1879. They have no children. Mr. Olson has always been a Republican politically and a staunch supporter of its principles.

**S**ETH ELY, president of the Bank of Centerville, Turner county, stands as an illustrious example of the power of steadfast integrity and personal energy. He was born in the city of Brooklyn, N. Y., February 14, 1868, and is a son of Seth and Addie (Hurlburt) Ely. The former, though of French descent, was a native of Middletown, Conn.,

and during his mature years previous to his death was engaged in the wholesale grocery and ship chandlery business in New York city. He died at the age of forty-five, when just in the prime of his career. Mrs. Ely was also born in Connecticut, of English parentage, and is still living, making her home in Windsor, of her native state. They were the parents of three children: May V., the wife of Ariel Mithelson, of Tarriffville, Conn.; Charlie, deceased; and Seth, the subject of this sketch.

Seth Ely was the youngest of the family, and was reared in New York and Connecticut. He was afforded every advantage for obtaining a good education, and improved his opportunity. He attended private and public schools at various places in New York and Connecticut, and then studied under a tutor at Columbia in order to prepare himself thoroughly for his entrance into Trinity college. After leaving college he secured employment as traveling salesman for Messrs. Swords & Dixon, but after a year with this concern he started for the west. In looking over the country he decided on settling permanently in Centerville, and in company with Mr. William Higinbotham, under the firm name of Ely & Higinbotham, he engaged in the hardware business. This partnership continued until 1895, when it was dissolved, Mr. Higinbotham purchasing his retiring partner's interest.

The Bank of Centerville was organized in 1883, and our subject in 1890 purchased the controlling interest in the concern. The next year the organization was re-incorporated and at the first meeting of directors Mr. Ely was elected president; William Lowena, vice-president, and James S.

Thomson, cashier, who have since been the officers of the institution. Although he is yet a young man, Mr. Ely's judgment in matters of finance is sound and mature and worthy of a man many years his senior, and as a result he is rapidly climbing the ladder of fortune and gaining a competence to tide him over that portion of life when he may be compelled to abandon his active business labors. Politically he uses his right of suffrage in supporting candidates of the Republican party, and socially holds membership in the I. O. O. F. and K. of P.

The estimable young lady who presides over the household affairs of our subject was formerly Miss Blanche Bridgman, a native of Vermillion, S. Dak., and became his wife June 20, 1893. They have a cozy home, pleasantly situated, and in the furnishings and decorations of the rooms one very quickly notes the presence of refined womanhood.

**N** JOHN ANDERSON, who is busily engaged in farming at his home on section 27, Brooklyn township, Lincoln county, has attained an honorable position among his fellow farmers, though when he began life in this county seventeen years ago he was very poor. He is a native of Sweden and was born June 30, 1859. His early life was such as falls to the lot of a farmer lad in the Scandinavian peninsula, and in the old country he grew to manhood, receiving an education in the common schools. When he had attained the age of twenty years he emigrated to America, and on landing came direct to Dakota territory, at which time he settled on his present farm. He worked hard, and the

result is that he has 160 acres of as choice land as can be found in the vicinity, and it is amply supplied with a good class of buildings, is fenced into convenient fields, and is altogether a desirable piece of property. He started in to do a general farming business, raising grain and live stock, and has been eminently successful. All these valuable improvements have been added since it came into his possession. He has toiled early and late in the prosecution of his calling, has succeeded in laying the foundation of a comfortable competence, and as he is yet in the very prime of life, bids fair to become one of the wealthy farmers of the neighborhood.

Mr. Anderson was united in marriage in 1886 to Miss Maria Ida Carlson, also a native of Sweden, and to this union has been born three children, viz.: Delia Mabel, Emily Maria and Joel Elving. They belong to the Free Congregation church in which Mr. Anderson is one of the leading men, being a member of the executive board.

Mr. Anderson has served as a member of the school board, which position he held with dignity and credit, and in politics he is a strong upholder of the policy of the Republican party. He has served as constable and also as a member of the town board, and is a man of unblemished reputation, who is kind and neighborly in his relations with those about him, and his genuine worth has gained him much respect.

**A** H. H. DODD, deceased, formerly one of the enterprising and progressive residents of Alcester township, Union county, was born in 1817, in Essex county, N. Y. He was reared

in his native county, and in the common schools of his day acquired a practical education. He was married to Miss Annie Catlin, and they subsequently settled in Fond-du-Lac county, Wis., where they were pioneers, having taken up land there. He was in the mercantile business in Rosendale, Fond-du-Lac Co., Wis., for some twenty years, and in 1875, he came with his family to Union county, buying 200 acres in Alcester township, on which he settled. Here he made a permanent home until his death. His wife still resides on the old homestead. He was a man well liked, was eminently successful in his undertakings and accumulated considerable property. To himself and wife were born two children, Wm. H. M. Dodd, who died February 9, 1894, and W. H. Dodd, who lives in Alcester township.

W. H. Dodd, the only surviving son and child of W. H. H. Dodd, deceased, was born in Wisconsin in 1852. There his boyhood was passed and there he received only the advantages of the common schools for obtaining an education. In 1873 he was married in Fond-du-Lac county, Wis., to Miss Sallie, daughter of Henry and Matilda (Marchant) Wheeler, and, in 1875, came with his wife and parents to Union county, Dak. Ter., and purchased 160 acres of land, on which he now resides. His present farm now comprises 183 acres, mostly under cultivation and well improved. He was elected commissioner of Union county in 1892, and re-elected to the same position in 1895; at the present time he is chairman of the board.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dodd have been born two children, viz.: Harry Maynard, the present deputy auditor of Union county, and Frank Burdette. Mr. Wheeler, the

father of Mrs. Dodd, was born in England, as was likewise her mother. They went to Wisconsin during the pioneer days of that state, where they both died, the mother in 1881, at the age of fifty-nine years, and the father June 11, 1894, aged seventy-four years. Mrs. Dodd has two brothers and one sister, Mrs. Harriet Clark, who resides in Alcester township, Union county.

Mr. Dodd's father was a Republican and our subject uses his elective franchise in supporting the candidates of the same party.

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**G**EORGE WILLIAM RICHARDSON is one of the leading and successful agriculturists of the delightful township of Riverside, Clay county, where so many talented and agreeable men have located for life. He resides on section 32, where he owns 480 acres of fine land that is well improved, and upon which he has built a comfortable residence, and also good barns and out-houses.

The father and mother of our subject, Timothy and Nancy (Brooks) Richardson, were both natives of Bethel, Vt. Mrs. Richardson passed to the world beyond in Braintree, Vt.; after her death her husband came to Dakota to live with their son, and he died at the residence of our subject in June, 1876, at the age of seventy-six years. Of the family of four sons and five daughters born to this worthy couple, George W. was the sixth, and first opened his eyes to the light of day February 13, 1842, in New Brunswick. When he had attained the age of eight years his parents removed to Bethel, Vt., then to Braintree, of the same state, and in this latter place our subject grew to manhood. His educa-

tion was the best afforded in those days, but was not nearly so thorough as the education given children at the present date. During his more mature years he was engaged in lumbering and in farming in the Green Mountain state, and in the spring of 1868 he bid the east good-bye and started for Nebraska. The first year in the west he spent in the employ of the Union Pacific railroad, and then, in June, 1869, he came to Dakota territory in search of a place where he could establish a permanent home. This he found in Riverside township, and on section 32 he entered as a homestead 160 acres, which has ever since been his home. He has added to this original tract as his circumstances would permit, and is now the fortunate owner of 480 acres. He possesses that energy and tact that invariably bring success to the owner, and he is adding to his popularity, and also his financial standing each year, and ranks high in the esteem of the community.

The marriage of Mr. Richardson and Miss Anna Kingsley was celebrated December 31, 1872, in Clay county. Mrs. Richardson was born in Hancock county, Ill., October 1, 1853, and was the sixth child of a family of eight children born to Aaron and Mary (Pigott) Kinglsey. Her parents were natives of Canada and New York state, respectively, and resided in Hancock county, Ill., where their deaths occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have been blessed in their married life by the birth of five children, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Nellie M., Mabel, Ethel, Arthur K., and Bertha.

Mr. Richardson has taken quite an active part in all affairs of public interest,

has held several of the township offices, and socially he belongs to the Royal Tribe of Joseph.

**J**OHAN M. NOBLE. Prominent among the thrifty and enterprising agriculturists of Delaware township, Lincoln county, may be classed the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is a native of the Prairie state and a son of David J. Noble who has been a resident of Mercer county, Ill., ever since he was seventeen years of age. Our subject first saw the light in that county, May 17, 1844, and passed his boyhood days in the usual manner of lads raised on a farm.

He obtained a practical education in the district schools of his native county, and when he had attained the age of eighteen years, his father sent him to Minneapolis on account of his health. He bought a farm near that city in Hennepin county, which was about 1869, and continued to make his home there until 1873 when he came to Dakota territory, and took up as a homestead the property on which he now makes his home. Everything was wild and open then, and between his claim and Sioux Falls, a distance of twenty-eight miles, not a house could be found. Besides his homestead he also entered a timber claim, built a sod shanty and started in to improve his property. By the exercise of sagacious judgment and the employment of sound business principles in his dealings, he has been enabled to add to his original holdings and is now the fortunate possessor of 560 acres of land—160 acres lying in Potter county, and the balance constituting the home farm. All the improvements he has made himself,

which includes every tree planted on the property, he hauling most of them from the Missouri river. Of his estate, 350 acres are under plow, and he carries on exclusively a general farming business, making a specialty of breeding fine Percheron and Shire horses.

Our subject has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Elizabeth Gibbs, a native of Vermont, to whom he was wedded in 1867. To this union three children were born, viz.: Mrs. Flora Knispie; Leman J., chief engineer in an electric light plant and water works in Montana; and Mrs. Melissa Gumbrill, of Minneapolis. His second marriage occurred in 1878, when he led to the altar of hymen, Miss Mary E. Hill, a native of Ohio, and to whom have been born the following children, viz.: Arthur G., David J., Clara, Ethel, Ray E., Laura, Ruth and William E. The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Noble is trustee and has also served as superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Mr. Noble has been a member of the school board, and politically formerly affiliated with the Republican party. He is now a Prohibitionist, however, believing that the prevailing curse of the age should be placed outside the reach of the rising generation. He has served his fellow citizens as township supervisor, assessor and treasurer, and has also acted in the capacity of justice of the peace for several years.

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**L**OUIS JOHNSON, the proprietor of one of the fine farms of Delaware township, Lincoln county, in section 10 of which he has his home, is a native of Denmark, born February 24, 1848. He grew to manhood in the old

country, receiving his education there up to the time he was fourteen years of age, when he was compelled to take up the battle of life for himself. He applied himself industriously to farm work in the place of his nativity until 1870, and then, becoming convinced that in the home of the free he would have a better chance to obtain that station in life which he dared not hope to attain in the land of his birth, he emigrated to America. On landing at New York city he continued on his journey west until he reached Cook county, Ill., and there and in De Kalb county of the same state he spent the time up to the Chicago fire, after which he found employment in the city until he decided on coming to Dakota territory.

On arrival in the territory he selected the northeast quarter of section 26 of Delaware township as his homestead, and filed his papers June 9, 1873, which was the first day of the location of the United States land-office in Sioux Falls. He constructed a dug-out for shelter, but as he had no money was compelled to work out for others in order to get money on which to live, so that the first year he only got twenty acres of his own land broke. For ten years he continued to make this property his home, adding to it as he increased in wealth another quarter section, and at the expiration of that time he sold out to a Mr. Jacob Drey, and bought his present estate, in section 10, Delaware township. This land too, when it came into his possession, was in a decidedly primitive condition, and bore no resemblance to the present well-cared-for estate. Our subject has erected the residence and all the out-buildings, and neatly fenced the property. He has also set out a grove and an orchard of 120 trees, which



are now bearing. Of the 469 acres owned by Mr. Johnson, 300 are under plow and cultivated to grain each season, and besides this, he also breeds and handles live-stock quite extensively, as well as buying and selling real estate. He has on his property a flowing well, which he sunk in 1886, and he has also drilled a number of wells for other parties in the neighborhood. He has been a hard worker, and all that he now possesses has been acquired through his own personal industry and exertion, as when he began here he had nothing.

The hospitable and attractive home of Mr. Johnson is presided over by a lady who bore the maiden name of Miss Christina Nelson, and who became his wife in March, 1887. Mrs. Johnson is a native of Denmark, and came to America in June, 1884. They are the parents of one child, Alice Mabel, and adopted in infancy a boy on whom they have bestowed the name of Edgar. They are members of the Christian church.

Mr. Johnson is treasurer of his school district, and politically, uses his elective franchise in the support of the candidates of the Republican party. He has also been a member of the town board and chairman of that body.

**D**EMPSEY I. WHITLOW is prominent among the farmers and stock men of Lincoln township, Lincoln county, where he has on sections 17 and 20 one of the best equipped farms in the vicinity, and is quite extensively engaged in raising thoroughbred Poland China hogs, which he makes a specialty. He is a native of the Blue Grass state, was born

near Hopkinsville, Ky., September 23, 1855, and is a descendant of one of the old Virginia families. An extended history of his parents, J. T. and Elvira (Grable) Whitlow, will be found in the sketch of S. L. Whitlow in another part of this volume.

Dempsey I. Whitlow was reared in Marion county, Ill., on a farm, and attended the common schools there for an education. During his more mature years he worked out by the month for a living, and in the fall of 1878 came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and farmed with his elder brother, S. L. Whitlow. In 1879 he took a homestead in Hanson county, which he improved and lived upon until the fall of 1882, when he came back to Lincoln county and purchased his present farm. A little plowing had been done on this property, but otherwise it was all unimproved, and the following spring he built a small frame house and settled permanently on the land. Two hundred and eighty acres of the 320, which constitute his possessions, are in a fine state of cultivation, and under his able management are made to produce abundant crops. He has also erected on his farm a comfortable residence and other outbuildings for the economical and convenient prosecution of his farm work, and has easily one of the most valuable properties in the township. He has been a hard worker, and all that he has acquired is the result of his own industry. When he arrived in the territory he had \$70, but he lost that and as much more the very first year by grasshoppers and from other causes, and had to start over again.

Mr. Whitlow was married September 9, 1883, to Miss Clara F. Hornbeck, a native of Iowa and a daughter of J. D. Hornbeck,



formerly of this county, but now a resident of Oregon. She was educated in Canton and has taught school in Lincoln county. To Mr. and Mrs. Whitlow have been born two children, Mabel and Roy D. He has been trustee in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which his estimable wife also holds membership and is a teacher in the Sunday-school. Mr. Whitlow has been a director in his school district for a number of years, which position he still holds, and as treasurer of Lincoln township served two terms. Politically he uses his right of suffrage in supporting the candidates of the Republican party.

**P**C. SLOCUM, a well-to-do farmer living in Alcester township, Union county, was born near Cambria, Niagara Co., N. Y., December 23, 1838. He passed his boyhood in his native county, where he acquired an education in the district schools, and lived there till he was twenty-six years of age. In 1864 he left New York and settled in Butler township, Butler Co., Iowa, where he stayed till 1871, then he came to Union county, Dak. Ter., arriving June 17, 1871. He entered 160 acres of land and erected a sod house into which he moved his family and began the clearing of his land. In this house he lived till "it tumbled on him," as Mr. Slocum says. His present farm of 160 acres is well improved and in excellent state of cultivation.

The father of our subject was a native of Massachusetts, and his mother was born in Maine, both of their respective parents coming to New York state while their children were yet in their youth, and were

among the early settlers. His father was one of the first settlers in Lockport, having put up the first store there and conducted the first livery stable in the place. Here he and his wife lived and died. He was a soldier in the war of 1812-15.

The subject of this personal history was married November 21, 1860, to Miss Augusta Freer, in New York, and to him and wife have been born seven children, five of whom are living, viz.: Belle, now the wife of Charles Loutzenhiser, of Alcester township; Fred F., William F., Hart and Ada S., who became the wife of Jefferson Mumford. The deceased are Anna M. and Ada S. He is a charter member of the A. F. & A. M., of Alcester, master degree, and politically he is for principle and not party. He has held many of the local offices of the township, and takes an active interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the community.

**L**L. REDFIELD. As a farmer of capability, forethought and prudence, who manages his affairs with wisdom and discretion, our subject has been no unimportant factor in advancing the material welfare of Lincoln township, Lincoln county, which has been his home for almost a quarter of a century. He was born in Tioga county, Pa., and is a son of William Redfield, who emigrated from that state to Iowa in 1856 and settled on wild and unimproved land in Buchanan county, where he passed to the other world in 1867. Seven of his children are now living, viz.: Augusta A., Oliver A., L. L., Rosanna, William, Emma and Helena, and three sons were soldiers in the late Civil war

—Augustus A., James A., who died in the service of his country, and the subject of this sketch.

He of whom we write first opened his eyes June 15, 1847, and when nine years of age accompanied his parents to the Hawkeye state, where he grew to maturity. His school days were decidedly limited, but he studied by himself whenever he got a chance, and supplemented this by close observation, acquiring a fund of knowledge thereby which has been of great benefit to him in his battle through life. When the Civil war broke out our subject was still living in Iowa, and on August 14, 1862, though but a lad of fifteen years, he enlisted for service under "Old Glory" in company C, Thirty-second Iowa regiment, infantry, as a private. He participated in the following battles: Fort DeRussey, Pleasant Hill, Marksville, Yellow Bayou, Lake Chicot, Tupelo, Old Town Creek, Nashville, Brentwood Hills and Fort Blakeley, serving until the close of hostilities.

After the war was over our subject returned to work on the home farm in Iowa, and on his father's death assumed the responsibility of caring for the younger members of the family. In March, 1872, he arrived in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and at that time located on the property where he now lives. He entered the first claim in the present township of Lincoln, and incidentally we may state that the township organization was perfected in his cabin, there being seven citizens present, who, when selecting a name, unanimously decided on Lincoln, in honor of our martyred president.

Mr. Redfield found on his arrival, after paying all expenses, etc., that he was possessed of just \$2.50 in money, but he also

had a priceless treasure—his wife—in which he found help and encouragement. By trade he was a blacksmith, so after building a sod shanty, in which he installed his wife and their two children, he started to work at his trade in Canton. Saturday nights, while not employed, he would walk home to enjoy a day of rest with his faithful helpmate, and Sunday evening would start on his journey back to the scene of the next week's toil, a distance of thirteen miles. That has all passed, and his farm of 160 acres is now in such condition as to command all his attention. He has improved it himself, and carries on an extensive grain and stock-raising business.

Our subject has been fortunate in his married life, as in his wife, to whom he was wedded September 4, 1869, he secured a companion who has worked faithfully by his side and has contributed her share to his prosperity. Mrs. Redfield was formerly Miss Maggie Scarborough, a native of Illinois, whose parents originally came from Tennessee, and to her and our subject have come four children, Josephine M., James A., Guy C. and Eveline M. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Redfield is steward and trustee, and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Socially, Mr. Redfield is a member of the G. A. R., having served as commander of the post two years, and he is also an Odd Fellow and a Mason. He has taken quite an interest in school matters, and is now treasurer of his district. Politically, he is also well known as a staunch supporter of Republican doctrines, and has served in various public capacities. He has been a member of the town board, and is now in





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his fifth term as township treasurer. He has also been a candidate for county commissioner, and was nominated in 1896 on the Republican ticket for sheriff.

**H**ON. J. B. BROUILLETTE, whose portrait appears on another page of this record, is at present engaged in the general merchandise business with Mr. J. P. Chicoine in the village of Jefferson, and is one of the public spirited, generous and energetic citizens of Union county who has been instrumental in developing the resources of the territory. He is a native of the province of Quebec, Canada, and was born September 17, 1843. His father, Isaac Brouillette, was a farmer by occupation, and died in his native country. Our subject was raised mostly on the home farm and educated in a Canadian college near the city of Montreal, it being his intention to fit himself with a professional education, but when he was sixteen years of age he decided to come to the states. He first went to New York city and from there took a steamer for Oregon, going by way of the isthmus of Panama. He spent nine years in Washington and Oregon territories, clerking in a store and also mining part of the time. There he learned to speak fluently the English language, and, after a short visit to his home, he came to Union county, Dak. Ter., and settled in the village of Jefferson. This was in 1869, and he was one of the first men to put up a store, which building is now occupied as a dwelling on the main street. This store he stocked and operated for about six months, when he sold out and moved to a farm in section 26, Jefferson

township, which he improved and lived on for a year. After he disposed of his farm he moved to Sioux City, where he worked for three years, and then returned to Jefferson and engaged in business with M. Ryan, Sr., which partnership existed for four years. During the next five years Mr. Brouillette conducted a store in partnership with Mr. R. J. Authier, and then built the present store building. At that time it stood at the northwest end of the village, and there he stayed for six years, when he sold out to Mr. Chicoine and the building was moved to its present location. He later bought a half interest from Mr. Chicoine in the business and has since continued in partnership with that gentleman. They carry a general stock, and also deal in grain and live stock, and do a large and profitable business.

Mr. Brouillette was united in marriage, in 1869, to Miss Alexina Beauchemin, a native of Canada, born in 1851, and they are the parents of eight children, namely: Wilfred, Ida, Ernest, Marie Louise, Arthur, Alice, Celina and Yvonne. Mrs. Brouillette died August 29, 1895, after over twenty-five years of happy married life. The family are members of the Catholic church, in which Mr. Brouillette has been an active member and is now a trustee. He was also one of the committee on the construction of the present fine brick edifice used for worship.

Mr. Brouillette has been considerably interested in the growth and development of the village of Jefferson, and has industriously labored to bring it to its present prosperous condition. He gives a hearty support to all worthy enterprises that help to further the public good, and has been honored by his fellow townsmen by being

elected to many of the offices in the gift of the people. He was a member of the first state legislature which convened in 1890 and served one term; he has also been county commissioner for two years, and school director several terms. Formerly Mr. Brouillette affiliated with the Democratic party, but is now independent of party ties. He is president of the Society of St. John and takes active interest in its management.

**R** E. BLADES, an old soldier, real-estate man, stock buyer and farmer, is one of the oldest settlers and most widely known citizens of southeastern South Dakota.

His father, Jahu Blades, was a native of Kentucky, and was a farmer by occupation. With his young wife and infant, our present subject, Jahu Blades, left his native state and located in Montgomery county, Ind., in 1840. Seven years later they removed to Henry county, Iowa, and in 1853 to Decatur county, Iowa. There he died in the eighty-seventh year of his age. His father, Eli Blades, is said to have been a native of the state of Maryland.

The mother of our subject was, prior to her marriage, Miss Charity Gough. She was born in the state of Kentucky, where she grew to womanhood and married Jahu Blades. She died at the age of thirty-five, the mother of two children, R. E. and S. E. Blades.

The subject of our sketch was born in Kentucky, August 11, 1840, and was about six weeks old when he accompanied his parents to Montgomery county, Ind.; then

seven years later to Iowa. He was the elder of the two sons, and remained with his parents until fourteen years of age, when he began the battle of life on his own account. He worked by the month at anything he could find to employ him until 1861, when he enlisted as a soldier. In 1866 his marriage took place in Decatur county, Iowa, to Rebecca C. Melier. This lady was a native of the state of Illinois where she remained during her girlhood. She accompanied her mother to Decatur county, Iowa, where she met and became engaged to Mr. Blades.

After their marriage in 1866, the young couple went to Clay county, Dak. Ter., and took up a farm of 160 acres, located on Clay creek, seven miles northwest of Vermillion. He afterwards sold the farm and established and named the Adelpha hotel in Vermillion. Later he removed to Bloomingdale and located another homestead. He proceeded to improve this farm, established a general store in the village of Bloomingdale, and was appointed postmaster, which appointment he held for four years. In 1875 his store was destroyed by a cyclone. He closed out his possessions and engaged in the mercantile business in Calliope, Iowa, for one year. Then, in 1876, he removed his business to Portlandville, Iowa. There he continued in business about four years, during which time the name of the village had been changed to Akron. In 1880 he removed to Fort Pierre, Dak., and again entered the hotel business, conducting the Merchants' hotel. One year later he sold out and returned to Akron, Iowa.

When the town of Centerville was organized, in 1883, he located in that town and engaged in the real-estate and stock

business. He has continued in this business ever since with marked success. Two years after locating in Centerville he purchased a farm of 240 acres in section 14, Centerville township, and has added to it from time to time until his landed possessions aggregate some 800 acres. He took up his residence on his farm in 1896.

His record as a soldier is without blemish. Enlisting as a private in company M, Third Iowa cavalry, under Col. Cyrus Busie, he served through the entire war. His first engagement was at Pea Ridge. He spent one winter at St. Louis. Much of the time of his company was spent in post duty. Our subject was taken prisoner at Pine Bluff, but escaped after four months of imprisonment. After three years of army service he received an honorable discharge at Keokuk, Iowa, in October, 1864. While trying to accustom himself to the ways of civilians he engaged in the mercantile business at Des Moines, Iowa, forming a partnership with U. J. Stevens, under the firm name of Stevens & Blades. About eighteen months later he sold out to his partner and went to Decatur county, Iowa, where his marriage took place a few months later.

It would be difficult to imagine a more prosperous and happy family circle than that of our subject. Five children have been born to him. Arthur T. was born in Clay county, Dak. Ter., December 8, 1867. This son was married in 1892 to Mary Stevens, a native of Iowa. They now reside in Centerville, and he is connected with F. M. Slagle & Co. in the lumber and grain business. Lily B. (deceased) was the wife of William S. Hoyne. Her little son survives her. Edith O. is a teacher, but is now attending the Normal school at Madison,

S. Dak. R. Floyd and Florence L., both at home.

Mr. Blades has an extensive business, his operations in real estate and live stock extending into Turner, Clay, Lincoln and Union counties. He is one of the wealthiest men in Turner county, and most widely known and respected. He has always been a consistent Republican in his political views, and while not seeking political preferment he has been honored with a place on the town board, and has been solicited to lead his party in his locality in many contests. He is a man of broad views, liberal ideas and honest methods, and enjoys the distinction of being at once a good neighbor and prosperous citizen.

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**N**ORGREN BROTHERS, proprietors of the Centerville roller mills, are meeting with much success in their business, turning out from their establishment products of excellent quality, such as have won a good reputation. The mill is the finest in the county, and has a capacity of eighty barrels of flour per day.

Gus Norgren, senior member of the above firm, was born in Sweden, November 19, 1850. He was reared in his native land until eighteen years of age on a farm, receiving during his boyhood a good common-school education. In 1869 he came with his parents to America and located in Grundy county, Iowa, on a farm, where he remained three years, and then started for Clay county, Dak. Ter. He took up a homestead in the latter county, in Glenwood township, and this he operated until 1883,

when, in company with his brother, they built a mill at Riverside. In 1887 they built the Centerville roller mills and continued to operate the two establishments until 1893, when they were compelled to abandon the one at Riverside on account of the scarcity of water, which they use for power. The business is not confined to Turner county, but extends into Clay, Lincoln and Union counties, and has had a thriving, healthy growth since its establishment. Mr. Norgren is also the owner of a farm of 200 acres in Clay county, which he operates in connection with his milling business, and on this property conducts general farming on the most improved methods.

Mr. Norgren was married February 19, 1875, to Miss Caroline Anderson, also a native of Sweden, and to this congenial union has been born a family of seven children, viz.: France G., Ettie M., Ida, Philip, Annie, Carl and Adley. Politically, he is a Republican, and is now serving his fellow townsmen as an alderman in the city council of Centerville. Religiously he belongs to the Free Mission Swedish church, and acts as president of the board of supervisors of the church.

William Norgren, junior member of the firm of Norgren Brothers, was born in Sweden, August 27, 1855, and came to America the same time his brother and parents did—in 1869. He has been in business with his brother since 1883 and closely identified with the enterprises they have conducted as a firm. He is also a Republican of the strongest type, and supports by voice and vote the principles as laid down in that party's platform. He has been married twice, his first bride being Miss Anna Anderson, whom he married in July, 1888, and

after her death subsequently wedded Miss Laura Anderson. They are the parents of two children, Olga and Clarence.

**O**SCAR DUNLAP. The fact that a man bore a brave part in the war for the preservation of the Union is sufficient to entitle him to the respect and commendation of all who love their country. The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch is one of the great army who sacrificed the comforts of home and braved all the dangers of life on the battle field during the late Civil war. He has been a resident of Dakota since 1883, and of Canton township, Lincoln county, since 1888.

The parents of our subject were Mathias L. and Emeline (Pierce) Dunlap; the former was a literary man of marked ability and was also engaged in farming and horticulture, being the proprietor of one of the largest nurseries in the west. He died in Champaign, Ill., February 14, 1875, but his good wife still survives at an advanced age. Oscar was born in Leyden township, Cook Co., Ill., May 9, 1843, where his father and mother then resided, and until he attained the age of fourteen years continued to make his home with them there. When they removed to Champaign county, Ill., our subject accompanied them, and it was while they were living there that the war broke out. He was eighteen years old at this time and November 8, 1861, he enlisted in company I, Twenty-sixth Illinois regiment, infantry. During his service as a soldier, which continued from the date of his enlistment until May 15, 1865, he was a participant in many memorable battles, among them being



the engagement at Resaca, Ga., the battle of Missionary Ridge, and many minor skirmishes. He took part in the famous Atlanta campaign, his company having been mustered into the Fifteenth corps, army of the Tennessee. Although Mr. Dunlap suffered no serious wound on the battle-field, he had the misfortune to lose his right arm and foot in an accident near Franklin, Ky., while serving as military conductor on the Louisville & Nashville railroad, having been detailed there by order of Gen. Sherman. Up to the time of his discharge on account of physical disability, he had served in various capacities in his regiment; from a private he was appointed first sergeant, then promoted to second lieutenant, later to the position of first lieutenant and when he was mustered out, May 15, 1865, was serving in the capacity of captain of his company.

After receiving his discharge from the army, Mr. Dunlap continued to make his residence in Champaign county, Ill., until the spring of 1883, and then he removed to Douglas county, Dak. Ter., where he took up a government claim. He lived there five years and then settled on the little farm of twenty acres on section 15, Canton township, Lincoln county, where he has since been making his home. An escutcheon of honor surrounds the key-hole of his career, and he is highly esteemed and respected by his fellow men for his many excellent traits of character. He has served as justice of the peace for his township, and socially is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Gen. Lyon post No. 11.

The marriage of Mr. Dunlap and Miss Mary J. Van Buren was solemnized February 9, 1870, in Savoy, Champaign Co., Ill. Mrs. Dunlap was born in Albany coun-

ty, N. Y., November 19, 1847, and is a daughter of Hezekiah B. and Rebecca (Van Zandt) Van Buren. The former was a skillful carpenter, which trade he followed during his life. His good wife died in the spring of 1849, and he survived until March, 1885, when he also embarked for the shore from whence no traveler ever returns. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap have been blessed during their married life by the birth of four children, viz.: Clara, Ralph V. B., Emeline R. and Myron L., and both he and his wife are devout Christians and members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**B**ENJAMIN J. BARTON, who is following farming on section 22, of Riverside township, Clay county, is a native of the Old Bay state, and a son of Eldad and Lucretia (Jewett) Barton, who were also both born in Massachusetts. They married and settled in the town of Ludlow, and about 1832 emigrated to the Western Reserve in Ohio, and settled in Ashtabula county. Mrs. Barton died there in 1837, and her husband subsequently married Louisa Gilligan, a native of Massachusetts. She also died in Ashtabula county shortly after their marriage, and Mr. Barton then wedded his third wife, California Gilligan, a sister of his former wife. They moved, about 1868, to Washington county, Iowa, with the intention of settling there permanently, but both died soon after at the residence of our subject, their deaths occurring three days apart.

Six children were born to Eldad Barton and his first wife, viz.: John R., Butler, Charles, Benjamin J., Harriet and Phoebe, but only John R. and Benjamin J. of that

little family survive. Benjamin J., the subject of this brief life history, first saw the light of day in Ludlow, Hampden Co., Mass., January 22, 1830. He remained with his father until he was sixteen years of age, at which time he started out to make his own way in the world. He went first to Walworth county, Wis., a territory at that time, but only remained there about three months, leaving the Badger state for Antioch, Ill., where he attended school during the winter, and then hired out in the spring to a farmer in McHenry county for six months. His next stopping place was in Washington county, Iowa, where he engaged in the dairy business for one season in company with his elder brother; but tiring of that he returned to Wisconsin, his brother Charles being located there in Green county, and with him he served an apprenticeship of one year at the blacksmith's trade. The following two or three years were spent in the Badger state—in Delavan—where he worked as a journeyman at his trade, and then he removed to Iowa again and bought a farm of 160 acres in Washington county. He was engaged in farming this property when the Civil war started, and shortly after the first gun was fired he offered his services to the government, and was enrolled as a private in company A, Twenty-fifth Iowa regiment, infantry. He served until the war closed, a period of nearly three years, during which time he participated in many engagements and skirmishes including the siege of Vicksburg, and was finally mustered out and honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa.

Upon his return to civil life Mr. Barton took up his farming operations in Washington county, Iowa, and continued there until

the spring of 1870, at which time he came to Clay county, Dak. Ter., and settled on his present farm in Riverside township, which he had entered the fall previous. He has since then made that property his home, and has added occasionally to his original holding, until now he is the owner, with his wife, of 520 acres.

The estimable lady who for forty years has shared the joys and sorrows of Mr. Barton, became his wife in Johnstown, Rock Co., Wis., September 26, 1856. She was known in her maidenhood as Miss Mary Frances Stanley, and was born in Tunbridge, Vt., December 25, 1833, where her father, Moses Jones Stanley, also first saw the light, February 16, 1799. Mr. Stanley was married November 8, 1823, in Royalton, Vt., to Miss Mary Ames, a native of Fairley, Vt., born July 13, 1799, after which event, with his bride, he settled in Windsor county. Later on he removed to Chelsea, then to Lamoille county, of the same state, and thence to Erie county, N. Y., where he remained some five years, leaving the Empire state for Wisconsin and settling in Walworth county. In 1859 he located in Washington county, Iowa, remaining there until 1870, at which time he came to Dakota territory with his family and took up a claim in Riverside township, Clay county, and there both he and his good wife passed to the world beyond—Mr. Stanley, March 13, 1873, and Mrs. Stanley, December 17, 1889. They had eight children, of whom the following is a record: Roswell J.; Henry B., deceased; Willard M.; Alfred A.; Mary F.; Thaddeus S.; Parmelia B., deceased; and Lyman G. Mr. Stanley was a soldier in the war of 1812, enlisting when fifteen years of age. His father and one brother were

also in the same war. Mr. and Mrs. Barton are the parents of two children—Willard B. and Benjamin S.

Mr. Barton has been township assessor, and formerly took much interest in all matters of a local nature, but of late he has been living a somewhat retired life, having acquired a sufficient competence to enable him to enjoy the evening of his life in peace and comfort. Mrs. Barton is a member of the Congregational church, and both she and her husband are liberal supporters of the cause. Mr. Barton is a Grand Army man and holds membership in the McCook post at Centerville.

**N**ELSON FINN, deceased, who was one of the prominent citizens of Alcester township during his life, was a native of Edinburg, Saratoga Co., N. Y., and was born December 14, 1806. He was a son of David and Polly Finn, the former probably of Irish descent, and the latter of Holland Dutch descent. David Finn was the adopted child of an old Revolutionary war soldier and was a son of Hewitt Finn, who, it is thought, was murdered on one of the trips which he frequently made to New York city to buy goods. David Finn was but a small boy when he came to Saratoga county with his adopted father. He lived for many years in that county, and finally settled in Rock county, Wis. He afterward removed to Iowa county, same state, where his demise occurred. He was a soldier in the war of 1812-15, and participated in some of the battles of that war in its last stages.

His family consisted of seven children, four sons and three daughters, viz.: Robert,

Calvin, Alvin, Nelson, Charlotte, Deborah and Cynthia. Robert, who lives near Madison, Wis., is the only one still spared to this world.

Nelson Finn was the eldest child, and his early life was passed in his native county. His advantages for an education were very meager, six months probably covering the extent of his schooling. He was bound out to a man with whom he served four years as an apprentice, learning the carpenter and joiner trade, and at the age of eighteen he was again bound out, but this time he bought for a stipulation the time he would have served and began on his own "hook" at carpentering, which trade he followed continually for forty-five years. In 1844 Mr. Finn came west and located in Waukesha county, Wis., twenty miles from the present city of Milwaukee. There he bought eight acres of land and lived six years, several of which he spent working for the man from whom he purchased the property. In 1850 he removed to Rock county, Wis., and while his sons carried on farming he continued to work at his trade, the family afterward moving to Iowa county. Richland county, on the Wisconsin river, was his next place of residence, and there, with the exception of two years in Minnesota, he stayed for a period of fourteen years, and prospered, coming to Union county, Dak. Ter., in 1871. He entered 160 acres of land and built a home, 14x16 feet, twelve foot posts, and into this primitive abode he moved his family and began at once to break up land and further improve his farm.

Mr. Finn, after his residence in Dakota, was eminently successful. All worthy enterprises had his hearty support, and he contributed to every good cause, giving freely of

his means to the support of the church and the furtherance of the gospel. He built the first schoolhouse in the township, donating without expense the labor used in constructing it. His life was a successful one; starting as a bound boy he pushed steadily onward and upward, gathering as he went without scattering, and the result was that he accumulated a competency which enabled him to pass the evening of his life in comfortable circumstances. Honor was his watchword; he never resorted to the law and the law was never applied to him, his dealings always coming within the golden rule. No man was held in higher respect and esteem by his neighbors and friends than he. He died August 11, 1896, aged almost ninety years.

Nelson Finn and Parmelia Hart were united in marriage in New York and they were the parents of five children, all living, viz.: James, Gurden, Charlotte, now Mrs. Catlin, of Alcester; Andrew J. and Charles W. Mrs. Finn died in 1846 at the age of thirty years. She was a daughter of Noah and Cynthia Hart, who resided in Bedford, R. I., and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Finn subsequently married Caroline Jenkinson in Wisconsin, who was a daughter of John and Betsy (Martin) Jenkinson, natives of England, who emigrated to America after their marriage and located in Canada. Both her parents died when she was quite young, Mr. Jenkinson meeting his death by falling from a windmill. Mr. Finn by his second wife is the father of five children, three of whom are living, viz.: Alvin D., William and Cynthia, now Mrs. Ellis, residing near Eaton, S. Dak. The deceased are Henry and Mary Jane. All the children living

save two, reside in the vicinity of their father's homestead, and are among the successful and highly respected people of Union county.

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ALVIN D. FINN is living on the homestead with his mother. He owns eighty acres adjoining the homestead and is a prosperous, well-to-do and highly respected citizen. He was married to Miss Anna Vent, and they have one child, Evaline. In politics he has followed in his father's footsteps and votes the Republican ticket.

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CHARLES W. FINN, one of the representative and progressive farmers of Alcester township, Union county, was born July 29, 1842, in Manchester, Ontario Co., N. Y. His boyhood was spent on the farm mostly, and he was schooled in the institutions common in that day. His education, however, was frequently interrupted by his father removing farther west, but he persevered and succeeded in acquiring a practical knowledge of the rudiments of learning. At the age of fifteen years he entered a printing office in Owatonna, Minn., where he was engaged for six months until the concern failed. He worked on a farm in Minnesota till he was nineteen years old, and then accepted a position as clerk in a store at Spring Green, Wis., where he remained till August, 1862. His clerkship expired when he enlisted in company K, Twenty-third Wisconsin regiment, infantry, August 11, 1862. He was transferred to the front at once in Kentucky under Gen. Buell's command, and in No-

vember of the same year the regiment was ordered to Memphis, Tenn., soon after becoming attached to Sherman's army in the Vicksburg campaign. He went through the first siege of that place, participating in the battles leading up to the evacuation of the town. Just on the eve of the withdrawal of the army he was taken ill and was removed to the hospital at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., where he remained awhile, and then went to Keokuk, Iowa. When he had fully recovered he returned to his regiment, which was just entering on the Red river campaign. He participated in the battle of Jackson, La., and was in both the Mobile expeditions, which led to the capture of the forts, his regiment being the first to enter the streets of Mobile. Mr. Finn was in Mobile when the great explosion, which sent 200 people to their deaths, occurred, and only the day previous was in the building. His term of service was three years, and he was mustered out at Madison, Wis., in the summer of 1865. Out of the sixteen other young men, his companions who enlisted with him, only four returned alive, and at the present time Mr. Finn is the only one who is yet spared to this world.

On his return to civil life Mr. Finn engaged in farming, buying some property near Spring Green, Wis. His health failing him he engaged in the mercantile business at Spring Green, which he conducted for five years. In 1872 he came to Dakota and entered 160 acres of land on which he is now living. The following year—1873—he took up a timber claim of 160 acres, since when he has bought 120 acres, making his present holdings 440 acres. He has been a Republican in politics and has served his fellow-men in many official capacities.

He was justice of the peace four years of Alcester township, and in 1880 served as census enumerator. He has been district school clerk for fifteen years and assessor of Alcester township for three years; he has also represented his party frequently in state and county conventions, and served as postmaster at Alcester four years during Harrison's administration.

Mr. Finn was married in 1867, in Wisconsin, to Miss Rosanna Seiders, and they are the parents of five children, four of whom are living, viz.: Charles S., Harry B., Clara B. and Amy E. The deceased is Rosa May, the eldest. Mr. and Mrs. Finn are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an active interest in all matters of a religious nature, Mr. Finn being one of the principal workers in the erection of the church at Alcester. He is also a member of John A. Logan post No. 154, G. A. R., at Alcester, of which he has been commander, adjutant and quartermaster.

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**N**ELSON C. SHORE. Lincoln county has few more energetic or wide-awake men among the members of the farming population than this gentleman. He is successfully engaged in the pursuit of agriculture on section 36 of Canton township, and is held in high esteem as a man and a citizen.

Mr. Shore was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., March 7, 1848, a son of Joshua and Nancy (Parks) Shore, who were both natives of that state and county. Our subject passed his boyhood in his native county, acquiring such education as was afforded in the schools of the district, and when sixteen

years of age accompanied his parents to Carroll county, Ill., where both his father and mother still reside at advanced ages. They had seven children, four sons and three daughters, our subject being the fifth in the order of their birth. After Nelson attained his majority he removed to Nodaway county, Mo., where he was employed in the cattle business. After following this occupation for two years he returned to Carroll county, Ill., and engaged in buying grain at Shannon for several years until he came to Dakota territory, which was in June, 1878. From that time until 1892, he continued to reside on his original farm, when he purchased the property whereon he now makes his residence, which consists of nearly 200 acres of well-improved and highly cultivated land.

Mr. Shore is a popular man and stands well in the community. He has taken no unimportant part in the public life of Canton township, of which he is treasurer. He has served on the school board for many years, and in all local affairs of interest is an active participant. He is a staunch Republican, stoutly adhering to the principles of that party, and has advanced ideas on all live political questions. He is liberal in his religious views.

Undoubtedly Mr. Shore attributes a part of his success in life to the cordial co-operation that he has always received from his estimable wife, to whom he was married August 31, 1873. She is a superior housewife and manages their home affairs with sound wisdom and discretion, and so as to contribute to the comfort and happiness of her family. Mrs. Shore's name in her girlhood days was Miss Henrietta Templeman, and she was born in Carroll county, Ill., Feb-

ruary 10, 1851. She is a daughter of Joseph and Lodema A. (Hammersley) Templeman, natives of Kentucky and New York, respectively. They had a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters of whom Mrs. Shore was the sixth in order of their birth. Three children have been born to Mr. Shore and his wife—Jessie A., Mattie L. and Ota P.

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**W**ILLIAM LOWRIE, vice-president of the Bank of Centreville, farmer and landholder, is a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, and was born June 19, 1841.

His father, Francis Lowrie, came to America about the year 1846. He died at the age of fifty-two years. His mother, formerly Jane Murdock, was seventy years of age at her death. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom grew to be men and women.

Our subject is the eldest son and third child. He came to America with his parents when but a child. His early life was spent in Fond du Lac, Wis., where he attended the public schools. He remained there until the breaking out of the Civil war. In 1862 he enlisted in company A, Second Wisconsin cavalry, as a private. He served through the great struggle to the close, and received an honorable discharge at Austin, Tex. Then he was one of the thousands of soldiers who laid aside the habiliments of war and peacefully took up the cares and responsibilities of civil life, while the nations of the earth looked on in wonder. This was as great a triumph as the saving of the Union, and the best proof

of the patriotism of the men who fought in its defense.

In 1870 Mr. Lowrie went to what is now South Dakota, and located in the northern part of Clay county. There he took up a homestead, and with his own hands erected a sod house, roofed it with the same material, and moved into it. Not a board was used in its construction except that in the door. As he erected the little sod house, so has he built his own fortune, with his own hands. He began with a sod house, a yoke of oxen and a cash capital of \$75. To-day he is the owner of seven farms of 160 acres each, all with two exceptions within two miles of the city of Centerville, besides valuable and extensive property interests in the city, where he occupies a residence erected at a cost of over \$3,500, and one of the finest in the city. He still owns the old homestead. He remained on that farm until the town of Centerville was located. He owned the first hardware store in the town, and was one of the first to locate and engage in the loan business. His business was principally farm mortgage loans, and in this way he became well acquainted throughout the two counties, and to-day is probably the best known man in Turner county.

In 1868 occurred the marriage of Mr. Lowrie to Sarah J. Watson, who died on the old homestead. She was the mother of the following children: Cora, now the wife of William Allen, of Centerville; George, deceased; and Mabel G., wife of George Moore, of California.

Mr. Lowrie's second marriage was to Anna G. Epple. To this union three children were born: Avra, Alice and Venice.

Although vice president of the bank of

Centerville, Mr. Lowrie devotes most of his time to looking after his farming interests. He is one of the largest land-holders in Turner county, and one of the earliest settlers, although not an original settler in Turner county, as his first location was within the bounds of what is now Clay county.

In politics Mr. Lowrie is a Democrat, and is active in political matters. For three years he was commissioner of Clay county. He was twice elected mayor of the city of Centerville, and has held numerous small offices such as township treasurer, city treasurer, etc., and was Democratic nominee for representative of Turner county in the state legislature in 1896. His wide acquaintance throughout Turner, Lincoln, Clay and Union counties, as well as in the counties bordering on them, would seem to assure further political advancement should his ambition turn in that direction.

EDGAR B. PETTERSON. The subject of this sketch may be truly classed as one of the leading farmers of Dayton township. He has for sometime been numbered among the agriculturists of Lincoln county, and in prosecuting his farm work is very industrious, progressive in his ideas, and ready to take advantage of every turn of the tide to improve his circumstances.

Mr. Petterson was born in the southwestern part of the kingdom of Sweden, September 29, 1829. His father, Gudmund Petterson, was the captain of a vessel, and had followed the seas for over forty years. Edgar lived at home on the farm until he was seventeen years of age and then took



up a sea-faring life with his father. For two years he sailed with his father, and then on board another vessel he made his first trip to the new world, landing in New York in 1850. He then shipped on an American vessel for Liverpool, returned to New York and then sailed for the West Indies. He made two trips to this section of the world, then visited the coast of Africa and the Mediterranean sea, serving under American officers for three years. January 1, 1853, he sailed from Philadelphia for California, via Cape Horn, and after arriving there engaged in gold mining for a period of ten years, later removing further east in Nevada in the silver mines, where he stayed another seven years. In 1869 he made a visit to his mother country and then returned the next year to California, where he remained until 1871, and then purchased a large tract of land in Lyons county, Iowa, along the Sioux river. He only lived there a short time, however, when he purchased the farm whereon he now makes his home. Early in the autumn of 1871 he located on the 154½ acres which constitute part of his present farm, and this land he began immediately to improve, erecting some good buildings, setting out numerous shade trees, shrubs, etc., and fencing in the land. The improvements are all first-class and a credit to the thrift and energy of the owner. He is now the fortunate possessor of about 550 acres of land in Lincoln county, S. Dak., and Lyon county, Iowa. He has followed farming exclusively since locating in South Dakota, and has been eminently successful. As a citizen he takes an active part in all local affairs of interest. He has been treasurer of his school district for upwards of twenty years, and also township treasurer for a number of years, dis-

charging the duties of both positions with the utmost care and judgment, and to the entire satisfaction of his fellow-men.

Mr. Petterson was united in marriage to the lady who presides over his home in Dayton township, November 13, 1873. His bride was born in Norway and bore the maiden name of Miss Margaret Rognstad. She grew to the mature age of eighteen years in her native land and then came to America with her parents, locating in Wisconsin first, and then, in 1870, in Dayton township, Lincoln county. Her father, Ole Rognstad, died in 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Petterson have had their home brightened by eight children, of whom we note the following: Phoebe, a school teacher; George B., Hilda S., Olive, Edwina, Emma, Edgar O. and Clara M. The family belong to the Lutheran church and are regular attendants thereat.

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**J**OHAN HATCH, a practical and skillful farmer of Riverside township, Clay county, was born in Wells, York Co., Maine. His father and mother, John and Naomia (Downing) Hatch, were also natives of the Pine Tree state, where the family resided until the husband and father's death, which occurred in Newton, Mass.

Of the family of five sons and seven daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Hatch, our subject was the tenth child in order of birth, and his natal day was October 20, 1833. He was reared on his father's farm, growing to a sturdy, stalwart manhood, and after reaching maturity left home and went to Massachusetts, where, for fifteen years, he was employed by the Boston & Albany



Railroad company in different capacities. After severing his connection with the railroad company he operated an express between Boston and Anburndale another three years, then sold out and started with his family westward. His first stopping place was in Winneshiek county, Iowa, where he farmed until June, 1872, starting at that time with two ox teams and his wife and five children for Dakota territory. July 21 following he arrived in Riverside township, Clay county, and located on a farm on section 5, and later removed to section 6, where he has since resided. Two hundred and forty acres constitute his present farm, and this property is adorned with various substantially constructed buildings, neat fences, etc., which give it a fine appearance as well as make it a valuable piece of land.

Mr. Hatch has been happy in his marriage to Miss Abbie P. Butler, the ceremony which united their lives being performed October 30, 1859, in Acton, Maine. Mrs. Hatch was born in Sandford, Maine, September 2, 1836, and is a daughter of Moses and Joanna (Ricker) Butler, being the second child of a family of four sons and seven daughters born to this worthy couple. Mr. and Mrs. Butler both passed to their reward beyond the grave in Acton. He was a farmer by occupation. Of the seven children born to our subject and his wife we note the following record: Grace M., who was the wife of Dr. Richard Finley, of Centerville, died May 28, 1890; Ada M. is now Mrs. William Chaney, of Turner county; Lucius M., Albert E., Gertrude F. and Alida E. (deceased), and Ethel F. at home.

Mr. Hatch has held various of the township offices, supervisor, etc., and has taken quite an active part in all local matters of

interest. Religiously he is a Baptist, his wife also holding membership in the church of that denomination.

**A** P. WILCOX. Among the varied and numerous occupations by means of which men seek fame and fortune, there is certainly none more free from worry and vexation of spirit than agricultural pursuits. In the country, surrounded by the waving fields of grain on every side, and listening to the birds that sing so tunefully in the branches of each tree, man's soul is possessed in calmness and he does not wear himself out as do the busy people who early and late are in the stream of human beings that surge to and fro in a busy city.

The subject of our sketch is numbered among those who enjoy the freedom and peace of farm life in Lincoln county, where he owns nearly 400 acres of land, mostly in La Valley township, the cultivation of most of which he personally superintends himself. He is also one of the large stock breeders of the county and annually raises a considerable number of head.

Mr. Wilcox's parents, Loyal S. and Orilla (Shurtliff) Wilcox, were natives of Vermont, as was also his paternal grandfather Wilcox, and besides the gentleman of whom this biography is written, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox had one other son, Daniel B., who is now a resident of Union county, S. Dak. After Mrs. Wilcox's death the father subsequently married Eleanor Powers, and by her was the parent of one daughter, Lucy C. A. P. Wilcox was born in Kane county, Ill., March 25, 1845, and grew to manhood in De Kalb county, same

state, whither he had accompanied his parents. His education was necessarily limited, as the schools did not compare with those of to-day, and the information imparted was of the most elementary character. Later on he located in Iowa, and while a resident of the Hawkeye state succeeded in winning for his wife Miss Margaret J. Wood, a daughter of Morris Wood, who came to Iowa from Ohio.

Mr. Wilcox has been a resident of Lincoln county since 1871, and is, therefore, one of the earliest settlers of the community. He filed on the homestead where he now lives, erected a small board shanty of one room for shelter, and in September of the same year brought his family to the new home from their former residence in Bremer county, Iowa. Their earthly possessions at that time consisted of a yoke of cattle, wagon and a small amount of household furniture, and from this meagre start in a new country, Mr. Wilcox has attained by his own exertions the well-to-do, prominent and esteemed position he holds in the community. The way to his present state of affluence, however, was beset by many hardships and trials, which taxed his patience during the early pioneer times. While he escaped the devastating prairie fires of the early history of the county, his greatest loss was the entire destruction of his crops by the grasshoppers. By unceasing toil and the exercise of patience, however, he was enabled to overcome the difficulties which beset his path, and is now reaping his reward. Mr. Wilcox also had his quota of experience with blizzards during the severe winters, but the only one he was ever caught in while away from home was in January, 1873, when he happened to be in the tim-

ber. However, he was fortunate enough to come across a shanty in the woods, and there he stayed until the worst of the storm had passed. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox have been blessed in their married life by the advent of the following children, viz.: Nettie, who died at the age of twenty years; Wesley; Bertie, who died aged sixteen years; Susan, now the wife of John Noel, of Lynn township; Hector; Dollie; Nancy and Byron, deceased; and Pearl and Ellen. All the children still spared to this world are at home, with the exception of the married daughter, Susan, who is comfortably established in a home of her own. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox and their daughter Dollie are members of the Congregational church, and the platform of principles as laid down by the Republican party finds a hearty supporter in Mr. Wilcox, who, although not a politician, is always ready to do what he can to promote the principles of good government. He also finds time to take an active interest in the Farmers' Alliance Warehouse company at Worthing, in which he is a stockholder, and has served in the capacity of president for two years.

Last in point of reference, but by no means least in importance, is Mr. Wilcox's record as a soldier and a surviving member of the band of "brave boys in blue" who fought and laid down their lives that the Union might live. In August, 1862, when he was but a lad of seventeen years, he enlisted in company A, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois regiment, infantry, and his regiment was shortly after transferred to the front and mustered into the army of the Cumberland at Louisville, Ky. From there the troops marched to Frankfort, Bowling Green and arrived just in time to miss the

battle of Murphreesboro, Tenn.; however, they participated in the battle of Chattanooga and this was the first engagement our subject took part in. From that time on he was in active service continually, was with Gen. Sherman on his famous "march to the sea" and finally wound up in Washington, D. C., at the grand review of the troops by the president. During all his varied career as a soldier he never received a wound, and was honorably discharged and mustered out in June, 1865, returning immediately to his home in Illinois.

**W**ILLIAM ROBINSON. This gentleman occupies a very prominent station among the farmers and stock raisers of Turner county, with whose interests he has been identified for many years. His estate is located on section 27 of Centerville township and consists of 233 acres of land, upon which are all needful buildings have been erected and every improvement made which belongs to a well regulated farm. The dwelling occupied by the family is one of the comfortable farm houses, so many of which are to be seen in the locality, and was erected in 1886.

Mr. Robinson is a native of Ireland and a son of John and Mary (McCibbin) Robinson, the former also a native of the Emerald isle and the latter of Scotland. He first saw the light January 11, 1827, and was raised at home until he had attained the age of ten years, thus early in life starting out for himself, working at farm labor in the land of his birth by the month. He was twenty-four years of age when he bade adieu

to his native country and sailed for the new world. After a voyage of several weeks he landed at New York city, and the following year spent in Cattaraugus county working on a farm. In 1853 he went to McKean county, Pa., and there remained until 1869, when he came to Dakota territory and took up the farm whereon he now lives. He returned east again shortly after and early in the spring of 1870 took up a permanent residence on the claim, which is now conveniently situated, being but half a mile from Centerville. He built a board shanty, 12 x 16 feet, and in this lived until 1886, when he erected his present place of abode as stated above. In connection with general farming he raises cattle, swine, etc., in considerable numbers and is doing a thriving business in this line.

The marriage of our subject and Mrs. Sarah (Golden) Hammond, the widow of E. J. Hammond, was celebrated in Turner county in 1871, they having the distinction of being the first couple married in the county, and they are likewise among the very earliest settlers of the locality. To this union seven children have been born, viz.: Jessie, deceased; John, Dollie, Belle, Emma, Blanch and Birtie, deceased. Mrs. Robinson by her former marriage is the mother of three children, Susa, Milton and Simon; and she and her husband are also raising and will educate a little boy whom they adopted when a year old. He has been given the name of Louie. Mr. Robinson is a Democrat politically, and was the only man in the county at the first election for governor of Dakota territory, who was of that political faith. A peaceable and law-abiding citizen, an energetic farmer, and a man who is kindly and considerate in his

domestic and social relations, Mr. Robinson has made many friends in his adopted country.

**G**EELT DUTSMAN. This gentleman is the proprietor of a fine piece of farming property, located in Delapre township, Lincoln county, and, although he has only been a resident of South Dakota since 1892, in the brief space of four years has become generally known as one of the most industrious and enterprising agriculturists of the township. Mr. Duitsman is a native of Ogle county, Ill., and the second child of a family of three children born to Geelt and Heike (Bakker) Duitsman, Jane being the eldest, and Hilke, who died when twenty-three years of age, the youngest. Mr. Duitsman, Sr., died in Ogle county in 1880, Mrs. Duitsman having passed away the year before in the same county.

The gentleman of whom these lines are written opened his eyes to the light November 13, 1870, and in the place of his nativity was reared to manhood, performing such farm labor as was allotted to him and securing an education in the common schools of the vicinity. He lived there until August, 1892, when he came to South Dakota and purchased the farm whereon he now makes his home. Farming has always been his business. He is a practical, yet progressive, man, who understands agriculture in all its details, and has, therefore, before him a bright prospect of success in his undertaking. His estate consists of 320 acres of fine farm land, and good improvements enhance the value of his property and stand as monuments of his thrift and enterprise.

Mr. Duitsman was fortunate in securing for his companion on life's pathway a young lady who is highly esteemed for her true Christian character and excellent disposition. She bore the maiden name of Miss Aka Bakker, a daughter of Henry Bakker, now a resident of Delapre township, and was born in Stephenson county, Ill., April 17, 1871. Her marriage to our subject occurred March 18, 1893, in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and two children now grace this union, brightening many fold the domestic happiness of their parents; they have been given the names of Ettie and Geelt, jr.

**C**HARLES J. BERGLUND, who is conducting extensive farming operations in section 28 of Riverside township, Clay county, was born in Soleftio, Sweden, July 21, 1861. He passed his early life until seven years of age in his native place, and in October, 1868, accompanied his parents, Michael and Martha M. (Abrahamson) Berglund, to America. Owing to the severity of the cold weather in their native place in Sweden, crops had failed for many years previous to their deciding to come to this country, and it was only by dint of the most rigid economy that the father was able to save enough money to emigrate with his family to the new world. They arrived in due time in New York, and for two months the family resided on Ward's island while Mr. Berglund worked in New York to obtain sufficient means to continue the journey west. They finally were able to get to Cook county, Ill., where the father found employment in the quarries near Lemont about five months, after which they went to Council Bluffs,





ELIJAH J. AND MARY J. ESTES

Iowa, and in 1869 came to Dakota territory. He took up a homestead of 160 acres in section 28 of Riverside township, Clay county, where he settled with his family, and there lived till his death, which occurred October 5, 1886, at the age of sixty-one years. He and his good wife were the parents of five children, viz.: Anna B., Delia M., Peter A., Charles J. and Mary.

Charles J. Berglund was about eight years old when his parents arrived in Dakota, and on the farm where he now makes his home he was reared and grew to manhood. Such education as was afforded by the district schools he had the advantage of during his boyhood days, and after attaining his majority he selected farming as his life work. After his father's death he became the owner of the old homestead and on this property he has erected such new buildings as were necessary and keeps in thorough repair such structures as his parent had placed upon it. His skill as a good, practical farmer is unquestioned, and as he is still a young man his chances for attaining wealth and affluence are most flattering.

Mr. Berglund and Miss Josephine C. Peterson were married in Prairie Center township, March 12, 1885. Mrs. Berglund is a daughter of Frank A. and Mathilda H. Peterson, and was born in Carlskrona, Sweden, July 7, 1863, in which place she passed the early part of her girlhood. Mr. and Mrs. Berglund are the parents of six children, viz.: Mabel I., who died when yet an infant; Mary M., Arthur E., Emma I., who also died in infancy, Carl A. and Reuben A.

Our subject has been quite a potent factor in the public life of the community wherein he resides. He has served as jus-

tice of the peace, assessor of the township three years and a member of the town board two years, and has been clerk of the township. He also holds a commission as notary public, the appointment being made in 1894 by Gov. Sheldon. Religiously he holds membership, as does his wife, in the Swedish Lutheran church of Dalesberg, his father having been one of the organizers of and moving spirits in this place of worship. Mr. Berglund is secretary of the congregation, and was formerly one of the trustees. Socially, he belongs to the M. W. of A., the Patriots of America and A. O. U. W.

ELIJAH J. ESTES, a progressive and substantial farmer residing in Virginia township, Union county, came to the place which he now calls home in 1872, entering 160 acres—a soldier's claim—and also a timber claim of forty acres. He at once erected a good, comfortable house in which he installed his family, and they made their home there until the fall of 1896, at which time it was replaced by the fine, modern residence that now adorns the property and serves as their present place of abode.

The subject of this sketch was born in Burke county, N. C., March 1, 1835, and is a son of John and Frances (Pewitt) Estes, natives of that state, where they were reared and married. When Elijah was still a small boy his parents moved to Dane county, Wis., where they lived for seven years, going from there overland to Oregon and settling near Eugene City in which place they resided until 1861. That year they came back to Dane county, Wis., and there made a per-

manent home till Mr. Estes' death. Mrs. Estes afterwards came to Dakota to live with her son, where she also passed from time to eternity.

Mr. Estes enlisted in 1861 in company D, Seventh Wisconsin regiment, infantry, and was subsequently transferred to the front and attached to the army of the Potomac. In the battle of Gainesville, Va., August 26, 1862, he was wounded in the right arm by a bullet, which broke the bone and made amputation necessary. Here he was also taken prisoner after receiving the wound, but made his escape shortly after while in the timber and went back to the federal lines. He was then taken to Alexandria, Va., to the hospital, where he remained some two months, having had his arm amputated on the battlefield, and when convalescent he was discharged and sent home. In the engagement at Gainesville, besides the wound in the arm, he was also shot in the right foot, and he yet carries the bullet. Among the notable battles in which Mr. Estes participated prior to his being disabled were those of Lookout Mountain, Cedar Mountain, Sulphur Springs and Haymarket. He was mustered in as corporal, was subsequently promoted to the rank of sergeant, and for meritorious service was suggested for a colonel's commission, but the wound causing the loss of his arm ended his military career, which had opened so auspiciously and gave promise of such rapid advancement. While he was living in Oregon he joined a local organization of men for protection against the Indians, serving under Capt. Bob Williams, a well-known Indian fighter. He was in a good many engagements with the Indians, and ran many narrow escapes, and in one battle

200 redskins were slain. He followed mining there also for a year and a half, and was successful, after which he spent a year in California; part of the time in the latter state he also served against hostile Indians.

When the Civil war was ended our subject returned to Dane county, Wis., and in 1865 led to the marriage altar Mary J. Oviatt, a daughter of Buell and Nancy (Palmer) Oviatt, both natives of New York state. They were early settlers of Dane county, locating there in 1844, and in that county they made a permanent home and lived till overtaken by death. After marriage Mr. Estes and his wife subsequently removed to Allen county, Kans., buying a farm of eighty acres and pre-empting another eighty acres. There they lived four years and a half, and then came to Union county, Dak. Ter., as above stated. His present farm comprises 200 acres, mostly under cultivation and comfortably improved.

To Mr. and Mrs. Estes have been born nine children, six of whom are still living, viz.: May N., the wife of M. W. Lee; Allie E., Ralph M., Fairrie B., T. Ward and Kittie. The deceased are Johnny, Matt and Wayne. Mr. Estes is a Republican in politics and supports the principles of that party by voice and vote. He is also a member of Mansfield post No. 159, G. A. R., of Hewarden, Iowa.

Elsewhere in this volume will be found a portrait of our subject and his good wife.

**G**EORGE E. BARCLAY, a prominent and enterprising merchant of Lennox, Lincoln county, who also carries a stock of merchandise in the village of Chancellor, is a native of Mon-



mouth county, N. J. He is a son of De-witt and Margaret (Bladwin) Barclay, both of whom were born in New Jersey, the former being a physician and surgeon and a medical examiner during the war. His father, George Barclay, was a New Englander, the family being descendants of Scotch ancestors, who came to America after the Revolutionary war.

George E. was the third child of a family of nine children, the eldest being Margaret, now deceased, who was the wife of William Hankins; one son survives her, George V. Hankins, of Eden Prairie, Minn.; Harold, of St. Paul, Minn.; William, deceased, the parent of one child; and Robert H., engaged in the mail service in St. Paul.

Our subject in 1869, when but a boy, came to Montgomery county, Iowa, where he remained two years; thence he went to Montgomery county, Ill., and later to Kansas. In the latter state he made his home during 1871 and '72, returning to Illinois for a short time, and then to Iowa. Finally, in 1876, he and his brothers and sisters went to St. Paul, Minn., and two years later our subject located in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. That was in the spring of 1878, and he then took up a claim of a quarter section, which he cultivated and improved greatly and still retains possession of. He started in the store business in 1889, and now carries a large stock of general merchandise. He has no aspirations to political preferment, but uses his right of suffrage in supporting candidates of the Republican party.

In the fall of 1883 Mr. Barclay and Miss Ophelia McCartney, the latter a native of Montgomery county, Iowa, were united in wedlock, and this union has been happily blessed by the advent of two children—

Margaret and Roberta. Mrs. Barclay's father was of Scotch descent, born in Tennessee, and her mother's ancestors were of Dutch origin. They moved to Illinois and thence to Iowa, where Miss Ophelia was born. She is a member of the Woman's Relief corps and the Rebeccas, and Mr. Barclay socially belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and the I. O. O. F. of his home town.

**P**HILIP MUELLER, JR., is one of the promising young members of the farming community of Delapre township, Lincoln county, on section 19 of which he has a fine farm of 320 acres.

The father and mother of our subject are Philip and Barbara (Reinick) Mueller, natives of the German empire, who now reside in the same township in which their son lives. Mr. Mueller, Sr., is one of those men in whose coming to this country all who honor honest industry and good citizenship can rejoice. His career has been marked throughout with persistent and faithful efforts to advance his interests, and he has been rewarded by the acquisition of a good property and a high reputation. Philip Mueller, jr., first saw the light in Sheboygan county, Wis., February 9, 1866, where his parents then resided. During his boyhood he studied in the common schools of his native place and acquired a practical knowledge of the subjects taught. He began to till the soil when quite young, and has made that his life work.

In the spring of 1886 our subject arrived in Lincoln county with his parents and settled in Delapre township, where he has

since been engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. His landed estate, as stated above, consists of 320 acres, and on this property every needful and convenient structure has been built, and every other means taken to make it a home of comfort as well as a place of financial worth. As a citizen he is highly respected, and ranks among the leading farmers of the township wherein he makes his home.

To the lady who presides over the household affairs our subject was but recently married, the interesting ceremony taking place June 27, 1896. Mrs. Mueller bore the maiden name of Miss Hattie Bakker, a daughter of Mr. Henry Bakker, of Delapre township, and was born in Stephenson county, Ill., where she passed her girlhood days. Mr. Mueller and his bride established a cozy home on his property after their marriage and there took up domestic life, surrounded by every comfort, which has since been their residence.

**F**L. PUTNAM, ex-deputy sheriff of Turner county, and grain buyer connected with the Interstate Elevator company, Centerville, was born in Clarendon township, Calhoun Co., Mich., July 7, 1865.

His father, Bela F. Putnam, was a native of Genesee county, N. Y. His occupation was that of carpenter. He left his native state when about twenty-three years of age and went to Calhoun county, Mich., where he married and located on a farm in Clarendon township. In 1870 he removed with his family to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and took up a homestead of 160 acres on section 23, Centerville township. This

farm he improved and cultivated, remaining upon it until his death at the age of fifty-seven years. He was the son of Cornelius Putnam, a native of Connecticut.

The mother of our subject was Frances M. Robbins before her marriage with Bela F. Putnam. She was born and grew to womanhood in the state of New York. After her marriage in Michigan she accompanied her husband to Dakota in 1870, where she now resides on the old homestead in Turner county. She is the mother of five children, three of whom are still living. Mary E.; Fred. L., our present subject; Hattie, died at the age of three years; one child died in infancy; Frank, now at home.

Mr. Putnam is the second child and eldest son. He was seven years of age when he came to Turner county with his parents. He attended the public school of his district. His sister Mary taught the first school ever taught in Turner county. She is closely identified with the educational interests of Turner county, having taught in all thirteen terms in Turner county and two terms in Clay county.

At the time of his father's death our subject was but sixteen years of age, and most of the care and responsibility of the conduct of the farm devolved upon him. He conducted the farm for about five years. In 1886 he began buying livestock, and continued in this business about four years. He then engaged in the grain business, in which he has continued ever since. He is now connected with the Interstate Elevator company. He was appointed deputy sheriff of Turner county in 1896, to fill a vacancy, and served until the election of a new sheriff.

In 1891 Mr. Putnam was married to

Ida R. Blanchard. Mrs. Putnam is a native of New York, and the daughter of A. J. and Charlotte Blanchard. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam are the parents of two children: Bernice and Clifford. In political views, Mr. Putnam is a staunch Republican, and takes an active interest in the political movements of his county, in which his influence is strongly felt. His home and business interests are in Centerville, where he is an important factor in every movement for the advancement of the best interests of the community. He maintains membership in good standing in Centerville lodge No. 97, I. O. O. F.

**N**ILS E. BERGLUND is the proprietor of one of the fine farms for which Clay county is noted. It is pleasantly located in the township of Riverside, where our subject occupies a leading position among the most intelligent and enterprising farmers who are connected with its great agricultural interests.

Mr. Berglund was born in Soleftio, Sweden, May 3, 1849, and is a son of Nels and Dora (Thea) Nelson. The former lived and died in the old country, but Mrs. Nelson still survives and makes her home with our subject. Nils was reared in his native land, and during his more mature years learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed as a means of livelihood until 1869, coming that year to America where he hoped to better his fortune. On arriving in the new world he located first at Lamont, Cook Co., Ill., following his trade there for a few months, and then went to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he found employment

up to the time he came to the territory of Dakota. In July, 1870, Mr. Berglund homesteaded the 160 acres in section 28 of Riverside township, whereon he now has his residence, and settled on the claim in the fall of the same year. By the exercise of sound business judgment in all his transactions and practicing of economy in conducting his farming interests, he has been enabled to add from time to time to his original farm, and his estate now comprises 400 acres in Riverside township and sixty in section 3 of Pleasant Valley township. He has improved the place quite extensively, and has ample buildings and all necessary conveniences for cultivating his land and raising stock.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Emma Peterson was celebrated in Clay county, November 27, 1879. Mrs. Berglund was born in Sweden, February 28, 1848, and is a daughter of Peter Erickson, who lived and died in that country. She is an excellent housewife and understands well how to contribute to the comfort of her household. Of her marriage to our subject the following children have been born: Ida, Carl, Selma M., Oscar B. and John A. One child, Axel, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Berglund hold membership in the Swedish Lutheran church and are regular attendants thereat.

**W**ALTER B. WAIT, a leading business man of Lennox, Lincoln county, where he is a dealer in coal, flour and feed, and an extensive handler and shipper of live stock from the vicinity where he resides, was born in St. Lawrence county, N. Y. His

parents, Beriah C. and Mary A. (Briggs) Wait, were both born in the Empire state, where they grew to maturity and married, the Wait family's ancestors being early settlers of the new world. Mr. and Mrs. Wait had four children besides our subject, two of whom died in infancy; the living are Maria, wife of Richard Charlton, of Fairpoint, Minn., and Florence, who married Joseph Billings and now resides in Windom, Minn.

When seven years of age Walter B. removed with his parents from New York to Goodhue county, Minn., and there he grew to manhood, receiving the advantage of a good common school education. His first appearance in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., was in 1874, when he located on a homestead of a quarter section five and a half miles south of where the town of Lennox is now situated. This land he improved and resided on till 1879; that year the village of Lennox was located and Mr. Wait erected one of the first business houses there, putting in a stock of flour, feed and coal, which business he still conducts. During the severe winter of 1880 and '81 he engaged in hauling flour, etc., from Canton, Sioux Falls and surrounding cities for the people in Lennox and vicinity, the snow being from three to four feet deep on a level, and it was all that two teams attached to one vehicle could do to make any headway. The railroads suffered the worst, being blocked by the deep snow, and Mr. Wait carried the mail from surrounding points on his trips to the larger cities. Besides his coal and feed business he also ships annually large quantities of butter and eggs for the refrigeration of which he carries a stock of ice, he being the only party handling this

commodity in the village. He has also been an extensive buyer and shipper of cattle, hogs and grain at Lennox, Marion Junction and Canton, S. Dak., and Inwood and Rock Valley, Iowa.

In 1875, one year after Mr. Wait located in Lincoln county, he returned to Minnesota, and was there united in marriage to Miss Jessie Millie, of that state. They had a family of four children, of whom but one son, John, a lad of sixteen years, survives. They have one adopted daughter—Lila. Socially our subject is a member of the I. O. O. F., and he and family are zealous Christians, and regular attendants and members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has served as superintendent of the Sunday school since the establishment of the church society in 1879, the first Sunday school being a union one, and attended by people representing several denominations. He has served for ten years and a half as clerk of the Lennox school board, and for six years, from 1889 to 1896, held the position of county commissioner, being chairman of the body the last year of office. Politically he is and always has been a Republican.

PETER A. OLSON. Many of Union county's most prominent citizens are of foreign birth, and have transferred to the new world the habits of thrift, economy and frugality they learned in their native land, and have prospered accordingly. Among them there is no more striking instance than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He was born June 6, 1846, near the city of Orebro, in Sweden, and is a son of Olaf S. Gustafson and Caroline (Johnson) Olson Gustafson. The

former died there July 5, 1895, and the latter is still living in her native land. Mr. Olson passed his boyhood in Sweden on a farm, where in the common schools of the district he obtained his education. In 1870 he emigrated to America in the ship Denmark, which landed him after a voyage of two weeks in New York city. He was possessed of but small means on his arrival and was compelled to seek employment immediately, as he had but a few dollars in his pocket. He worked in New York city for one year, and in 1871 came direct to Union county, Dak. Ter., entering 160 acres in Alcester township, the same on which he now resides. His first dwelling was a cabin of sod, in which he took up bachelor's quarters, and went to work on his land improving and developing the farm. He now owns 200 acres, of which nearly all—140 acres—is under cultivation, and the improvements he has made thereon are of a high and modern order, being among the best in the township and county. He has succeeded admirably since coming to America. From an almost penniless alien he has by hard work and frugality reached a state of affluence and plenty. During his residence here he has built three dwellings, viz.: his sod house, then a frame building, and in 1894 he erected his present commodious and well-appointed residence.

Mr. Olson was united in wedlock in 1873 to Miss Christena G. Peterson, a daughter of Peter Nelson, and they have been blessed with two children—Rudolph and Rosa—who both reside at home. Mr. Olson has one brother, John, who is a tradesman and lives in Connecticut. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and has held the office of supervisor of the township for five years,

and school treasurer another five years. He was also elected alternate in 1896 to the Republican convention held at Aberdeen, S. D., and was a delegate two years ago, and again in September, 1896, to the county convention from Alcester township. He was a stockholder and treasurer of the Big Springs Horse company during its existence.

**A**JAY ANDERSON, sheriff of Turner county, who makes his home in Centerville, was born in Sweden, May 29, 1867. His parents brought him with them to America when he was but one year old, and therefore practically his whole life has been spent in this country. His father, John Anderson, came to Clay county, Dak. Ter., in 1870 and entered a claim, and the next year our subject and his mother removed from Sioux City, Iowa, where the family had located upon arriving in America, and joined the father on the farm. Young Anderson spent his boyhood days in Garfield township, where his father's homestead was located, and gleaned his education from the district schools then in vogue.

In the spring of 1887 he made his appearance in Turner county, locating in Centerville, where he followed the printing business. The years 1889 and '90 he spent as a clerk in the dry-goods store of Messrs. Gits & Tripp, at Yankton, and then opened up a dry-goods and notion store in company with his father in Centerville. This partnership continued about a year, when our subject sold out his interest to his parent and engaged as a salesman with Messrs. Scott, Stover & Co., general merchants. With this concern he remained until Octo-

ber, 1896, when he resigned his position with the intention of opening up a hardware store, but on being nominated for sheriff by the People's party he devoted his time and attention to canvassing his county. Turner county is strongly Republican by 654 votes, but, nevertheless, Mr. Anderson was elected by a majority of seventy-nine votes over his opponent, Hill, which speaks well of his popularity and the esteem in which he is held. He was also the only candidate on the People's party ticket who was elected.

March 11, 1889, Mr. Anderson was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Hattie Presba, a native of Yankton county, S. Dak., and a daughter of S. D. and Eva Presba. This union has been productive of three children, viz.: Eva May, Adlai E. and Clinton P. Mr. Anderson is a Democrat in political views, and is also a member of the board of education, of which body he has served as secretary three years. Socially, he belongs to the Myrtle lodge No. 91, A. F. & A. M., at Centerville, of which he is master, and is recorder of Centerville lodge No. 27, A. O. U. W., in which he also holds membership.

**G**EORGE W. WIGGIN. It is with pleasure that we are able to present to the readers of this Record a few short lines regarding the life history of the venerable old gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He is one of the oldest settlers of the vicinity where he resides and probably the oldest man in the county. Mr. Wiggin is a native of Merrimac county, N. H., and was born in 1813. He grew to manhood on a farm, receiving such education as generally fell to

the lot of a farm lad in those early and trying times. From his native state he came west, first locating in Iowa, where he remained until 1872, that being the year of his entrance in the territory of Dakota. His present fine farm of 160 acres is the original claim he settled on when coming to Lincoln county. He built one of the first houses in the neighborhood at that time, few other signs of human abode being visible for many miles around. In the primitive building he erected he lived with his family and devoted his time to improving his future home. He brought but a small amount of money to the county, and like others of the early settlers passed through many hardships and privations. Although he lost no stock nor suffered to any great extent from the blizzards which visited the territory in the winters, he was not so fortunate during the summers of the early '70s when the grasshoppers played havoc with his crops, cleaning up the fruit of his labors for three successive years. Mr. Wiggin, although past the middle age of life, possessed the courage of a man of half his years, and was neither dismayed nor disheartened by the loss of his crops. He kept bravely on in the pursuit of his chosen calling and his ultimate success, although it tried his patience to the utmost, was assured.

The subject of this history was first married to Louisa Herriman in New Hampshire. After her death, which occurred in Waverly, Iowa, where they had located, Mr. Wiggin subsequently became the husband of Mary H. Kelley, to whom he was also married in the Granite state. This estimable lady, who is still spared to the companionship of her husband, is the mother of one child, Frank W., and that young gentle-

man, under the guidance of his father, is managing the home farm. Mr. Wiggin also adopted a little boy at the age of five months—G. Henry—whom he reared to manhood and educated.

Mr. Wiggin formerly was a Democrat until late in the '50s, but when the Republican party became a factor in political affairs he affiliated with and used his elective franchise in supporting candidates voicing its doctrines. Both he and his wife are devout Christians, she being a member of the Congregational church and he of the Adventist.

**H**ON. ELLIS WHITE, residing in section 26 of Riverside township, Clay county, is a native of Grant county, Wis., born in Harrison township, March 26, 1857. His parents, Matthew and Caroline (Knox) White, were natives of Pennsylvania and Illinois respectively, and after their marriage they located on the farm in Grant county, Wis., where our subject was born. In the spring of 1871 they left the Badger state for Clay county, Dak. Ter., and settled on a farm in Riverside township, where he passed from time to eternity in the seventy-fifth year of his age, April 15, 1888. Mrs. White still survives. They had a family of seven children—Lewis, Laura J., Maria F., Albert P., Elizabeth, the wife of Lewis Barns; George A. and Ellis, but the five first named are now deceased, Elizabeth's death having occurred December 12, 1896.

Our subject was the youngest, and was fourteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Dakota. He completed his education in the schools afforded at that time, assisted his father in the cultivation of

the farm, and after attaining mature years was married in Centerville, June 1, 1884, to Miss Mary J. Eaton, a native of Wellsville, N. Y., born December 15, 1861. Mrs. White is a daughter of James O. and Jane A. (Hatfield) Eaton, both natives of the Empire state. When they left Allegany county, N. Y., they settled in De Kalb county, Ill., then in Dixon, Lee county, of the same state, and in the spring of 1881 came to Clay county and settled on a farm near Lodi. Mrs. Eaton died in Riverside township January 1, 1891, and her husband followed her to the other world the 14th day of the same month two years later. They had nine children, Mrs. White being the sixth in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. White are the parents of four children, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Hugh Leroy, Freddie, Clara A. and Florence J. Mr. White is operating a farm of 260 acres, on which are to be seen buildings of the best kind, and various other improvements have been made, which enhances the appearance as well as the value of the property.

Mr. White has held the school offices, has been a member of the town board, and in 1894 was elected to the legislature on the Populist ticket, serving in that body one term. He is highly esteemed and respected, and it is with pleasure that we are able to present to the readers of this record a brief history of his life.

**J**OHN T. PELLE. One of the pleasant and remunerative farms of Lynn township, Lincoln county, is owned by this gentleman, who has placed upon it such improvements as entitle it to



rank among the finest to be found throughout the community. It comprises 320 acres on section 34, every acre of which is tillable and improved. As the traveller approaches the homestead he notices a comfortable residence, a substantial barn and other out-buildings required in the conducting of a modern estate.

Mr. Pelley is a native of the Prairie state, and was born in Winnebago county, Ill., in 1847. His parents, John and Amy (Bodine) Pelley, were married in Canada, where Mr. Pelley had emigrated from England. Mrs. Pelley was a native born American, and shortly after her marriage with Mr. Pelley came with her husband to Illinois, and they located where the subject of this brief life history first saw the light. The family consisted of the following children: Orin, a resident of Strawberry Point, Iowa; Sarah, wife of Jerry Ryan, of Waterloo, Iowa; John T.; Frank, making his home in Rockford, Ill., and Mary, now the wife of Albert Wheat, of Webster county, Neb. John T. was reared in Illinois, and acquired his education in the public schools, helping with the work on the farm. He remained at home until his marriage, which occurred in his native county, and then removed with his wife to Waterloo, Iowa. They remained there until 1873, when Dakota territory became their residence. Mr. Pelley brought absolutely nothing to the county except a team and wagon, and what he has since accumulated is entirely the result of his own thrift and enterprise. He escaped the prairie fires which devastated the territory in its early history, but with the grasshopper pest was not so fortunate, losing all his crops for several years as the result of their industry in destroying everything they came across.

Mr. Pelley's household is presided over by his wife, who was formerly Mis Hannah Wheat, an intelligent lady and capable and efficient housewife. She has borne him six children and following is a record of their names: Fred, Electa, Harry, Amy, Flossy and John. The sons are all at home and attend to the farm. Neither they nor their father are radical in their political affiliations, but vote as their judgment suggests. Mr. Pelley inherited noble traits of character from his worthy parents and his life record thus far has been that of a good man and citizen and has gained him the universal esteem of the entire community.

**C**HARLES ECKERT. Among the many thrifty and enterprising farmers who find adequate remuneration for their labor expended in cultivating the fertile soil of Lincoln county, none is more industrious than the gentleman of whom this brief sketch is written. He is a native of Walworth county, Wis., and came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., in 1881.

The parents of our subject were Charles and Minnie Eckert, both natives of Germany, who emigrated to this country and settled on a farm in Walworth county, Wis. They located in Springdale township, Lincoln county, in the spring of 1881, and there both passed away from time to eternity, Mrs. Eckert dying April 8, 1891, and her husband January 14, 1892. Of their family two grew to maturity, and Charles is the youngest of these. Our subject first saw the light of day January 28, 1862, and passed his boyhood in the place of his nativity, attending the district schools and assisting his father on the farm. When



his parents came to Dakota he accompanied them and has ever since continued to make his home here. Farming has always been his occupation, having not only been bred to that calling but possessing a natural aptitude for the vocation of a farmer, and he has followed it with marked success. He owns 320 acres in section 23 of Springdale township, on which he has erected a substantial set of farm buildings, and everything about the place shows excellent management on the part of the owner. In the spring of 1896 he was elected a member of the town board, and is also serving as chairman of the board of school directors.

Mr. Eckert was fortunate in winning for his wife a lady of true worth of character, in whose companionship he has found his chief delight. This lady bore the maiden name of Miss Minnie Dahl, and is a native of Wisconsin. Her marriage to Mr. Eckert, the interesting ceremony of which occurred April 26, 1890, has been productive of three children, bright little youngsters, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Charles H., Harry W. and Roy.

**N**ATHAN NOBLE, one of the prominent and enterprising citizens of Turner county, with the development of which he has been interested in various capacities, both commercially and agriculturally, though now devoting his entire time and attention to stock dealing and general farming, is now residing on section 24 of Centerville township. Mr. Noble is a native of Mercer county, Ill., and a son of D. J. Noble, who was born in Fayette county, Ind., in 1818, and reared on a farm there. He came to Mercer county,

Ill., in 1835, and located on government land, and is still residing on the same farm. His father, Lewis Noble, was a native of Tennessee, born in 1777, of Irish descent, and a farmer by occupation. Sarah Rader Noble, the mother of our subject, was born in Rockingham county, Va., and died in January, 1891, at her home, in Mercer county, Ill. Her father was a native of the German empire, and came to America when a young man.

Nathan Noble first opened his eyes to the light June 17, 1851. He was the sixth child and fourth son of a family of ten children, nine of whom grew to man and womanhood, and eight of whom are still spared to this world. He was reared on his father's farm, in the Prairie state, until he had attained his majority, attending during his boyhood the district schools and spending one year at the Hedding seminary, at Abingdon, Ill. In October, 1872, he was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Miss Alida Pruyn, who was also a native of Mercer county, Ill., born November 7, 1851, and a daughter of Walter V. and Sarah N. (Kibby) Pruyn. After their marriage the young couple came the same year to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and Mr. Noble filed on a pre-emption, homestead and timber claim in Delaware township, making in all three quarter sections of land. On this property, in a little 12x14 shanty, covered with tarred paper and sodded around the bottom, our subject and his bride took up their domestic life, and for eight months following were the only settlers in the township. He lived on and improved the farm until 1881, when he removed to Canton with his family, where he engaged as a salesman with the St. Croix Lumber company one year, and then the

following six years took the management of the company's yard. In 1888 he resigned his position and engaged in the lumber and coal business for himself at Canton, which he conducted until 1891, and then removed to Centerville, Turner county, where he built what is now the Marfield elevator, and put in a stock of lumber and coal. In 1895 he established a general store, the management of which he turned over to his son in the spring of 1896, and after making a trade for the 320 acres, where he now lives, he took up his residence thereon. In connection with his mercantile business, since 1891, he has been extensively engaged in stock buying and shipping, and he now devotes his whole time and attention to his interests in that line. He also owns, besides the farm, where he now lives, 480 acres in Lincoln township.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble are the parents of five children of whom we note the following: William, married Miss Alice Cotton, who was for three years a teacher in the public schools of Centerville; D. W., manages the store at Centerville; Henriette is attending the university at Mitchell, S. Dak.; Edith is a clerk in the store, and Ralph C. attends the district school. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of which Mr. Noble is a trustee. He also holds membership in the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Noble is a man of untiring energy, of much force, and conducts his operations in a most systematic and business-like manner. He has mingled much in public life holding various offices in the townships where he has lived and proving a sagacious and public-spirited civic official. In politics he is with the Republicans and gives this party staunch support. He served at one

time as commissioner of Lincoln county, was a justice of the peace and a member of the board of supervisors. He was also chairman of the city council while living in Canton, and acting mayor of that city for a time.

**L**OUIS BEST. In this glorious country of ours, where industry and natural ability are leading powers in the agricultural as well as the commercial world, we find natives of almost every country on the globe who have given up the home of their birth and journeyed to the new world to seek a broader field for their labor. Of these the Germans are by no means in the minority, and they are found in all sections of the country wielding the implements of the trades and industriously cultivating the fertile farm lands which abound everywhere. As a member of this latter class we take pleasure in presenting the sketch of Mr. Louis Best.

Our subject first saw the light near the picturesque river Rhine, in Germany, July 8, 1849, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Steinfeld) Best. The parents emigrated from the fatherland when Louis was but four years of age and settled in Sheboygan county, Wis., shortly after removing to an adjoining county of the same state. Our subject grew up amid home influences on his father's farm and in due time became his father's assistant in the labor necessary to carry on the estate. Until he had attained the age of twenty-four years he made the parental household his home. He then concluded to strike out for Dakota territory. The spring of 1873 he located on his present

farm in section 27 of Springdale township, Lincoln county, and has ever since been a resident of that place. He has been a careful, hardworking man, and his labors have been duly rewarded. He has added improvements of a substantial kind to his farm of 160 acres, and here he and his wife have a neat home, whose surroundings show taste on their part and impress one with a sense of comfort and coziness.

Mr. Best has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Dora Stark, to whom he was wedded March 29, 1873, in Wisconsin. She was of German parentage, born in Indiana but reared in the Badger state. To this union one child was born, Dora, who was stricken down by the hand of death at the age of seventeen years, when just entering upon what promised to be a useful and happy womanhood. Mrs. Dora Best passed to her reward beyond the grave March 29, 1874, and our subject subsequently married his present wife and helpmate. The bride in this instance was Miss Lena Huebschman, and the ceremony uniting their lives occurred March 26, 1876, in Sioux Falls. Mrs. Best was born in Fond-du-Lac county, Wis., July 1, 1854, and by her marriage to our subject has become the mother of one son, William.

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**J**ESSE AKIN, a progressive and eminently successful farmer, whose beautiful home is situated in Virginia township, is a native of the "Hoosier state," having been born in Bartholomew county, Ind., December 22, 1829. He is a son of Lewis and Catherine (Ruddick) Akin, the former born in Kentucky in 1806, and

the latter in Ross county, Ohio, in 1810. Lewis Akin was an early settler in Bartholomew county, going there with his father, Daniel Akin, a Virginian by birth, who was taken to Kentucky when he was six years old, in company with a party of emigrants, and reared in the Rolling Fork country of that state. He subsequently removed to Bartholomew county, Ind., as stated above, where he died at the age of sixty-three years. He left a large family of children by two wives.

The parents of our subject were married in Indiana, where his mother died in 1850, aged forty-one years. Mr. Akin, Sr., was subsequently married in the spring of 1852 to Mary Bevin, and during the same year they removed to Macon county, Ill., buying a farm of Jesse Hanks, a relative of President Lincoln, and one of the early settlers. Eighteen months later Mr. Akin sold out and went to Davis county, Iowa, where he purchased land and resided till 1864, when he went to Madison county, Iowa, dying there in 1878, aged seventy-two years. By his first wife he had eight sons, viz.: Jesse; Daniel, deceased; William, deceased; Joshua; Lewis, deceased; John B.; Sylvester, deceased; and Wilson. By his second wife he had ten children, viz.: George, deceased; Sarah, Oscar, Alice, Emma, Lewis, Abe, Gilbert, Minti, and an infant.

Jesse Akin was reared in his native county and obtained a good practical education in the common schools of the neighborhood. He was just merging into his majority when he landed with his father and stepmother in Illinois, and from there he went with the family to Iowa, where he resided till 1862, at which time he came to Elk Point, Dak. Ter., seeking a home. The Indians were a

little troublesome then, and while he was at Elk Point the stampede occurred and he with eight others made tracks to Sioux City for safety. Later he went with a surveying party in platting Bon Homme county for a month and subsequently returned to Davis county, Iowa, to teach school, which he did for another month and then gave it up. In the fall of 1862 after resigning his position as school teacher he enlisted in company B, Seventh Iowa cavalry, and was transferred to the west. He was mustered in at Davenport, Iowa, and from there the regiment was sent to Omaha, his company going from there to Saint James, Neb., to protect the frontier against Indian depredation. In the fall of 1863 the company was ordered to Dakota City, Neb., and in the spring of 1864, to Niobrara, Neb. From the latter place they went to Omaha, thence to Julesburg, Colo., and from there to O'Fallon's Bluff, from which point they came to Leavenworth, Kans., in the spring of 1866, when he was honorably discharged. He was mustered in quartermaster sergeant and subsequently enjoyed promotion to second lieutenant, and later to first lieutenant, acting in the latter capacity when the war closed. While serving as quartermaster sergeant he assumed entire charge of the department and did all the work at the place where he was stationed.

After his retirement to civil life he resided in Madison county, Iowa, till the spring of 1868, then coming to Union county, Dak. Ter. He left his family in Elk Point while he went to look over the land, and he then selected the farm on which he now resides, 160 acres, having lived there ever since. The first place he called home was a haystack into which the family moved from

their wagon, having lived in the vehicle until the weather became too cold. In the haystack they resided until along in November, by which time he had completed a neat log cabin, the logs for which he drew by oxen from the Sioux river. This cabin was 16 x 32 feet and was covered first with sheathing, then a foot of hay on which was piled another foot of dirt. This roof lasted thirteen years. The situation has now changed; the primitive farm has developed into highly tilled, well improved property, the shack of a house to a modern residence, well-appointed and out buildings of every kind abound, the result of his successful efforts. He cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, and he has been a Republican ever since. He was elected a delegate from Union county, one of three, to the first constitutional convention held at Sioux Falls, and he was also a member of the first legislature which met at Huron to formulate plans of statehood. He has been a nominee for the legislature since statehood and also a nominee for county treasurer, but was defeated by a fusion ticket. He has never been a seeker after office, accepting nominations only for the sake of keeping up party organization.

September 12, 1861, Mr. Akin was united in marriage to Miss Caroline, daughter of E. B. and Sarah (Fix) Townsend of Bloomfield, Iowa. Mr. Townsend was only a small boy when he settled with his parents in Indiana. In Shelby county of that state, Mrs. Akin was born August 30, 1837, her father and mother afterwards coming to Iowa, in 1847, to live. Both her parents are deceased, her father dying in 1882, and her mother January 5, 1895. She is a member of the Christian church.

**J**D. SCHLOSSER, a wide-awake farmer of Marion township, Turner county, and a popular member of the community, is carrying on extensive agricultural interests on section 30. His home is one of the well-improved farms which make the county so attractive in appearance and so valuable as the center of well-developed industries. The home farm of 160 acres he bought when it was but partially improved and has brought it up to its present fine condition by his personal efforts and good management.

Mr. Schlosser is of German descent, although his ancestors for several generations date their birth in America. His father, Simon Schlosser, and grandfather were both born in Maryland, and his mother, Elizabeth Keedy, was also a native of that state. Our subject was born in Washington county, Md., October 9, 1831, and is the elder of two children born to the above couple, a son and daughter. When he was but twelve years of age his father died, his mother having passed to her reward beyond the grave many years previous, when he was fourteen months of age, and after the death of the former he went to live with an uncle. At the age of sixteen years he started out in the battle of life for himself, working by the month, and secured employment in the neighborhood of his native place until he was twenty-two years old. At that age he came west, locating in Ogle county, Ill., and there in 1858 was married to the estimable lady who has ever since presided over the household affairs. She bore the maiden name of Miss Drusilla Wagner, and is, like her husband, a native of Maryland.

After his marriage our subject continued to make his home in Illinois, engaging at

different times in farming, manufacturing wagons and carriages, and for two years also conducted a hardware store. About 1873 he removed with his family to Clinton county, Mo., and bought a farm there, on which he made his residence for nine years, and then in 1882 he came direct from there to Turner county, Dak. Ter., locating at that time on the property where he now lives. He also at the same time bought a man's right to a timber claim and homestead in Rosefield township, but at present he is devoting his time and attention to his home farm of 160 acres, on which he conducts a general farming business. He has taken great interest in local affairs, and is an advocate of reform, he being one of the moving spirits in the organization of the Populist party in Turner county. He is now serving his fellow men in the capacity of town supervisor.

To Mr. and Mrs. Schlosser have been born twelve children, all of whom are living, and we note the following record: Mary E., is the wife of William Harne, of Missouri; Charles H. lives in Norway township, Turner county; Nora K. is at home; Thomas F. is a Baptist minister, and in charge of the church of that denomination at Broken Bow, Neb.; Minnie E. married James Carnahan, of Parker; Martha J. and Anna B. are at home; John F. is a farmer of this township; George D. is attending the State Agricultural college, at Brookings; and David W., Robert K. and Mark W. are still at home. All the children have been afforded every advantage for an education, several being graduates of the college at Brookings, and they are rapidly taking positions in the front rank in the several callings which they have adopted.

**C**HARLES R. MOULTON, clerk of courts, is one of the energetic and wide-awake young men of Lincoln county. He was formerly located at Shindler, but in December, 1896, took up his residence in Canton, he having been elected clerk of courts the fall previous.

The parents of our subject are Hulbert and Catharine (Eggleston) Moulton, who now reside in Delaware county, Iowa. They had a family of nine children, but only three are living, viz.: Ella, the wife of Cyrus Joseph; Charles R., and Clarence G. Charles R. Moulton was born in Delaware county, Iowa, April 5, 1864, and passed his boyhood on his father's farm, his lot being the one that usually falls to a farmer lad. His advantages for an education were such as are afforded in the public schools, and this was supplemented by two terms of study at Lennox college, at Hopkinton, Iowa. In 1883 young Moulton left home and came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and during the next year was engaged in farming in Springdale township. He returned to Iowa for a few months, but shortly after came back to Dakota and followed agricultural pursuits chiefly until 1889.

By his marriage, August 4, 1890, to Miss Cora B. Sweesy, our subject secured the active co-operation of one who has been an important factor in his happiness and prosperity. Mrs. Moulton is a native of Jones county, Iowa, and by her union with our subject their cozy home has been brightened by the birth of two children—Clara May and Clarence Raymond. The ceremony which united Mr. Moulton and his bride was performed in Delaware county, Iowa, and almost immediately afterward the young couple removed to Lincoln county,

where Mr. Moulton engaged in the grain business. In 1893 he formed a partnership with Mr. O. A. Carpenter, of Sioux Falls, and together they built up an extensive grain trade. The elevator for the storage of the commodity in which they dealt has a capacity of 10,000 bushels.

Mr. Moulton is a popular young man and stands high in the community. He has taken no unimportant part in the public life of both township and county, having held the offices of assessor and treasurer of Springdale township. He has also served as constable and postmaster of Shindler, and, as stated above, in the fall of 1896 was elected to the responsible position of clerk of courts, being a candidate on the Silver ticket. Mr. and Mrs. Moulton are devout Christians, and he belongs to the Free-Will Baptist church.

**L**E GRAND D. HYDE, a thrifty, energetic and progressive agriculturist, residing in Virginia township, came to the place where he now resides in 1867. In April of that year he entered 160 acres of land, and subsequently purchased forty acres more. His present farm consists of 199 acres of well-improved property.

Mr. Hyde is a native of Bennington county, Vt., where he was born November 11, 1838. He was the son of David W. and Dolly (Church) Hyde, the former born in New York state, where he was reared, and the latter a native of Vermont. Hampton, Washington Co., N. Y., was where the subject of this sketch spent his boyhood days, attending the district schools there for an education. He lived in that town until 1856, when he was eighteen years of age,





RESIDENCE OF JOHN HELDT



and then with his parents removed to Wisconsin, settling in Walworth county, near Geneva. There Mr. Hyde, Sr., bought land, upon which he lived with his family for a number of years, subsequently going across the line into Illinois and making his home in that state for a short time, but coming back to the vicinity of the old homestead, where he and his wife died.

Le Grand enlisted in 1862 in company C, twenty-second Wisconsin regiment, infantry, as a private and was transferred to the front, first doing duty in Kentucky in detached service. He was in the engagement at Spring Hill, where most of the men in his regiment were captured, and shortly after he with several other members of the regiment were taken prisoners at Thompson's Station and removed to Libby prison. After spending three or four days in that death hole, he was paroled and returned to his home. Later his command was reorganized and he enlisted again, this time the regiment being in Sherman's army and participating in all the fighting. Eighty days, up to the capture of Atlanta, he never lost a day's duty. After the fall of Atlanta he was with the army on its march to the sea, and was also in the ranks on review in Washington. He was discharged at Milwaukee, Wis., in 1865 and in the same year settled in Iowa, staying there a year or two and then, in 1867, he came to Dakota territory, where he has since lived. He is a member of Mansfield post, G. A. R., at Hawarden, Iowa, and in politics has used his right of suffrage in supporting the Republican ticket.

Since his residence in South Dakota, he has been married to Miss Elizabeth Patterson, and they are the parents of one child, Clara.

**J**OHNN HELDT. As a laborious, painstaking man, who has attained success in his chosen calling, that of a farmer, Mr. Heldt is worthy of considerable mention in a volume of this character. His estate is a valuable one, comprising 160 acres, ninety-five of which are under plow and the balance devoted to pasture and hay land. It is all nicely fenced and is embellished with a fine residence, which cost its owner about \$1,000 when it was erected in 1892, and a new and commodious barn which was built two years later. Altogether Mr. Heldt has spent about \$6,000 on improvements since he bought the farm in 1886, it then having a small house and forty-five acres of the land broke, and on another page of this volume will be noticed a view of the residence, barn, out-buildings, etc.

Our subject is a native of Butler county, Iowa, and a son of Michael Heldt, who was born in Germany. The latter emigrated to America with his wife in 1857 and located in Iowa, where John Heldt was born. Of their family, five children are living and one son by a former marriage. Their names are Gust, Tina McBride, John, the subject of this sketch; Laura Matz and Sarah McBride. A deceased son, Albert by name, was a member of the Thirty-first Iowa regiment, infantry, which participated in various of the battles of the late war; he was killed in an engagement at Atlanta, Ga., and fills a soldier's grave. The father died in the spring of 1890, but the mother still survives.

The gentleman whose cognomen heads this brief biography first saw the light of day January 15, 1862, and on a farm in Beaver township, Butler Co., Iowa, was reared to manhood, acquiring, during his

boyhood days, such education as the common schools of the neighborhood furnished. In 1886, as above noted, when he was twenty-four years old, he located in Union county, Dak. Ter., buying the property on which he now conducts a general farming business with good results, and which is situated on section 4, of Big Springs township. He takes an active interest in local affairs, especially in educational matters, and is now chairman of the school board of his district. Politically, he is a Populist, and a stanch supporter, both by voice and vote, of the principles as laid down in the platform of that party.

December 31, 1885, was the date of an important event that occurred in the life of our subject, as on that day he was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to the estimable lady who so graciously presides over his household. She bore the maiden name of Miss Hulda Belkey and is a daughter of William Belkey, whose biography will be found on another page of this record. This union has been blessed by the advent of four children, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Alfred, Lillie, George and Lottie. The family all belong to the Methodist Episcopal church at Alcester, and are devout Christians.

**D**R. ERNEST J. MILLER. The medical profession of Turner county, S. Dak., finds a worthy representative in the gentleman above named, who has made his headquarters and residence at Marion Junction for eight years, moving to Perry, Iowa, January 1, 1897. He is the fortunate possessor of a mind capable of grasping the most abstruse princi-

ples of medical science, and received such abundant schooling in matters pertaining to the profession that he became thoroughly versed in preparatory knowledge. During the years which he has devoted to the practice of his profession he has been careful in diagnosis, judicious in treatment, and he has, therefore, won an excellent reputation among his fellow practitioners and the citizens in general.

The natal day of our subject was November 10, 1855, and his birthplace Erie county, Ohio. His father, Henry Miller, was a native of Saxony, Germany, and emigrated to America in 1848. He was a contractor and builder by occupation, and located at Milan, Ohio, where he lived and died, in 1892, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. Of five sons born to his parents, he was the only one who did not take up the medical profession as his life work, all of his four brothers becoming doctors during their more mature years. Politically, he was a Republican, and during his life was a member of the Lutheran church, in which faith he died. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Miss Mary Kalbley, and was born in Huron county, Ohio; her parents were natives of France, and came to this country about the year 1812. Mrs. Miller still survives, and makes her home at Norwalk, Ohio.

Ernest J. Miller was the eldest of six children, two sons and four daughters, born to this couple, and was reared in Erie county, Ohio, where he attended his first school. Being drummer and member of the Milan band, he took part in the raising of companies C and B of the Fifty-fifth O. V. T., etc., etc. After several years spent in the public schools of Milan, Ohio, he be-

came a student in a private German institution of learning in the same place, and then took a course in the higher branches of education in the Newman seminary, graduating therefrom in 1870. We next find our subject at sea serving in the capacity of cabin boy on the vessel Oak Leaf, and after a year and three months thus spent he accepted a similar position on the David Stewart, which he held for another year. The following couple years he was at various times on the great lakes and the ocean and visited many of the Atlantic ports. On his return to Milan, Ohio, he worked in a paint shop for three months, then six months in a blacksmith and machine shop, then in the wood department of a carriage factory, working there three years. The next few years Mr. Miller spent in various occupations, traveling extensively over the United States, and spending one year with Dr. Rheinfrank, of Perrysburg, Ohio, reading medicine. At the expiration of that time he accepted a position on the road for D. A. Stevens, of Toledo, Ohio, and then in 1882 began his study of medicine in earnest. In 1884, after a course of two years in the Toledo Medical college, Dr. Miller graduated therefrom and almost immediately began the practice of his profession in Worstville, where during his term of residence he was the physician and surgeon for a large saw and stave mill company employing some six hundred men. In 1886, Dr. Miller, wishing to fit himself more thoroughly for the profession he had undertaken, went to Chicago to attend the College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he graduated in 1887, and the next year spent his time in study with Dr. C. Fenger and Dr. Samuel McWilliams, both noted practitioners of Chicago; with the

former on special surgery and with latter on physical diagnosis, then a course on eye and ear. Thus fortified for the life he had chosen, Dr. Miller came to Turner county, his primary object being to perform an operation on Mrs. E. Rieff, but as he was also looking for a location and was favorably impressed with the country surrounding Marion Junction, he decided to permanently settle here. By his studious habits, careful use of remedial agencies and manifest interest in those who employ him, he has worked up a fine practice which gives him all that he can attend to. He has met with more than ordinary success, and his fame as a physician and surgeon extends far beyond the bounds of city and county, and has tended to heighten the school of medicine which he so ably represents. The Doctor's study did not cease when he came to Dakota territory, but in 1891 he again returned to Chicago to attend the Chicago Polyclinic, receiving on his graduation a certificate attesting his ability in surgery, and in 1893 he traveled to Europe and spent six months in the large hospitals of Scotland, England, France, and Vienna, Austria, and Berlin, Germany.

Dr. Miller has been a surgeon for the C. M. & St. P. railroad seven years, having under his charge the Iowa and Dakota divisions of that road. He is a member of the Paulding county (Ohio) Medical society, also the National Association of Railroad Surgeons, and socially belongs to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Marion Junction. The Doctor has been affiliated with the Odd Fellows for twenty years. Politically his predilections are for the Republican party.

Education has no better friend than Dr. Miller, who has always given much atten-

tion and heartily supported any feasible plan designed to advance the status of this cause in the rising generation. It is needless to say that he has served as a member of the school board, as he has been a director in the school district for many years and is widely known as the gentleman who presented the Marion public school with a flag, the first emblem of our national honor ever given to a school in the territory. He was the teachers' friend; always advocated good pay for good teachers. He lectured at state and county institutes, and was known as "the teachers' friend" all over the state. In 1890 he offered a gold medal valued at \$50 to the pupil in the Marion public school who should write the best essay on American patriotism, and in 1891 gave the "Lives of Great Men," in eight handsome volumes, to the author of the essay on the current events of the two months prior to presentation, which was decided to be the best. In various other ways Dr. Miller shows his public spirit, and there is no person in the entire county who is more highly respected or esteemed than he.

Our subject was fortunate in his selection of a wife, as to her aid he may attribute much of his success, for she has worked faithfully by his side and by her counsels as well as her cheerful help has assisted him greatly. They were wedded December 26, 1876, at Wauseon, Ohio, and to them has come one son, Harry G., who was born August 17, 1880, at Toledo, Ohio. This young man is now a student at Stanford university, California, and will graduate in about four years. Mrs. Miller prior to her marriage was Miss Susa A. Aumend, a native of Angola, Ind., but she was reared and grew to womanhood in Ohio.

**R**OBERT BUCHANAN, who is actively engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 16 of Springdale township, Lincoln county, has only been a resident of Dakota since 1883, but during his life here has made a favorable impression as a man of real worth to the community.

Our subject was born in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., a son of Hugh and Jane (Adamson) Buchanan. The former was a farmer by occupation and made his home with his family in the Empire state until the fall of 1865, when they removed to Dane county, Wis. Robert Buchanan first saw the light April 9, 1850, and spent the first fifteen years of his life in his native county. When his parents removed to Wisconsin he accompanied them, and continued to make his home under the parental roof until the spring of 1872, when he left Wisconsin and located in Howard county, Iowa. He worked by the month at farm labor for a year, and by that time had accumulated sufficient means to engage in tilling the soil on his own account. October 26, 1875, the interesting ceremony which united the lives of our subject and Miss Sarah M. Vandiver was performed. This estimable lady was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, and is a daughter of Lucius Vandiver, whose sketch will be found in another part of this record. Mr. Buchanan and his bride then took up their domestic life on his farm in Howard county, and continued to reside there until the spring of 1883, when they came to Dakota territory and located in Springdale township, Lincoln county. Mr. Buchanan takes a sensible and practical view of life, and is regarded as one of the county's best citizens, as he is always heartily in favor of whatever

will enhance the prosperity of his adopted township, and contributes liberally of his time and influence to all feasible schemes for its improvement. His farm consists of 120 acres of land, on which he has made substantial improvements, in the way of fences and farm buildings, and in connection with his agricultural interests is also engaged in buying grain at Shindler for Peterson Brothers, of Sioux Falls, doing a nice business in this line. Mr. Buchanan has held the position of township clerk for nine years, and has also served at various times as a school director, taking an active interest in educational matters as well as local affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan have been blessed during their wedded life by the advent of six children, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Clarence Walter, Alta Mabel, Hugh Lucius, Harry Edwin, Frank Irwin and Ione.

**H**ANS T. ABILD. Among the enterprising men who make their home in Pleasant Valley township, Clay county, and contribute to its agricultural growth by conducting business there, is the gentleman above named who is engaged in farming and stock raising.

Mr. Abild was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, January 11, 1841. He continued to make his home in his native country, where he was educated and bred to the life of a farmer, and where also he served seven months in the German and Danish war, being a soldier under the flag of the latter country until 1867, and in March of that year bade adieu to his friends and started alone for the land of the free. On arrival of the vessel in New York harbor,

April 1, he disembarked and immediately started for Racine county, Wis., where he found employment the next two years in a lime kiln. In April, 1869, Mr. Abild arrived in Dakota territory, and after looking around a bit he entered a homestead from the government, it being a part of his present farm and located on section 21 of Pleasant Valley township. Since his settlement here he has been almost exclusively engaged in agricultural pursuits, although during the first four years he was employed much of the time on the railroads, steamboating on the Missouri, between Sioux City and Fort Benton, etc., and he has added as he prospered to his original 160 acres until now his landed possessions aggregate some 560. A nice and complete set of farm buildings have been erected, including a comfortable dwelling, and the land under his careful management is made to produce abundantly.

Mr. Abild was wedded to Miss Ingrei Ellefson in Allamakee county, Iowa, August 26, 1873. Mrs. Abild is a native of Norway and was born January 25, 1845, but has been a resident of the United States since 1849. They are the parents of nine children, as follows: Isabel, Ole A., George M., Peter E., Henry N., Emma C., Rudolph A., Minnie J. and Ida H.

No man stands higher in the regard of his fellow citizens than our subject, who is in every way worthy of the estimation in which he is held. In his career as a farmer he has displayed an excellent capacity for business, forethought and wise calculation that have brought him to the front among the most prosperous members of the township. He has been influential in public affairs, taking an intelligent interest in all that concerned this locality, and his public spirit has helped

forward many plans devised for its advancement. He has held all the offices of the township and is at present treasurer and also a justice of the peace. In the fall of 1896 he was a candidate on the Populist ticket for county commissioner, and, in fact, is and always has been closely identified with the local affairs of the community.

**M**ILO T. HOGOBOOM. The vocation of a farmer is one that calls for the exercise of good judgment based on close observation of natural phenomena, while in its social aspect it develops the virtue of hospitality, charity and brotherly kindness in a degree scarcely equaled by any other calling. It is with pleasure, therefore, that the biographical writer records the principal facts in the lives of Lincoln county's agriculturists, even though they may have passed through no very exciting events in their earthly progress.

The gentleman with whose name this sketch is introduced is a native of Marion, Wayne Co., N. Y., and was born February 15, 1836. His life up to his tenth year was spent in his native county, and then his parents removed to Kenosha county, Wis., and settled on a farm, where they remained for a period of seven years. At the expiration of that time they went to Marquette county, Wis., and located on a farm there. Milo was seventeen years of age when this took place, and he then started out for himself to make his own living. He went back to Wayne county, N. Y., where he worked on a farm for several months, and then returned to Wisconsin. He was taken ill and confined to the house for several months, but

after convalescing he secured employment in the pineries for awhile, and after that followed various occupations — farming, clerking in a country store, etc. In the falls of 1859 and 1860 he conducted a threshing machine, making his headquarters at Kilbourn City, Wis., and there, on November 28, 1860, he was married to Miss Susan E. Duryee, a native of Castile, Wyoming Co., N. Y., and daughter of Horace and Esther (Cargill) Duryee. For a year he and his young bride continued to live in Kilbourn City, and then they removed to Ripon of the same state, where Mr. Hogoboom followed farming for three years. At the expiration of that time they removed to Delevan, Wis., and there our subject established a grocery store, which he conducted until June, 1866, and then sold out and removed to Rockford, Floyd Co., Iowa, taking up farming again. For three years he remained in Iowa, and then went to Leroy, Minn., and followed well drilling until the fall of 1872, which was the date of his appearance in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. He settled with his wife on section 19, Springdale township, and there they have continued to make their home with the exception of two and a half years when they lived in Sioux Falls. Mr. Hogoboom is one of the earliest settlers of the county, there being but about eight families in the township when he arrived, and he has had his full quota of experience with the hardships which beset the path of the pioneer. In 1874 he was one of the grasshopper sufferers, losing most of his crop, and for three years thereafter had his crops ruined more or less from the same cause. In 1879 the insects cleaned up everything, but even this did not discourage him and he kept "hammering away" as it

were, until now he has succeeded in gaining quite a competency. The farm is under good cultivation, and consists of 300 acres. In 1881 he was engaged in buying and selling stock in connection with his farming operations.

Although the chief attention of Mr. Hogoboom for years has been the occupation of farming, looking after his personal affairs and the enjoyment of domestic life, yet he has served his fellow-men as county commissioner for one term, township treasurer for fourteen years, and is now chairman of the town board. He is a staunch and ardent Republican, and has always taken an active interest in local political affairs. He is also an active worker in religious matters, he, with his wife, are members of the Baptist church of Sioux Falls. He helped organize the First Baptist church of Sioux Falls, and has been a deacon in same ever since it was started. Socially he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, Minnehaha lodge No. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogoboom have no children of their own, but have reared from childhood a boy and girl who still grace the home. Charles E. Ellsworth was eleven years of age when he took up his residence in the household of our subject and his good wife, and the girl—Lillian M. Myers—was seven years old.

**J**OHAN L. SEARS is contributing his share to the maintenance of the continued prosperity of Springdale township, Lincoln county, as a rich agricultural center, by his work as a practical progressive farmer.

Mr. Sears was born in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y., November 24, 1834, and passed

the first thirteen years of his life in the place of his nativity, and then removed with his parents to McHenry county, Ill. His father, Elijah C. Sears, is now a resident of Canton, S. Dak., but his mother, Ann B. (Hill) Sears, is dead, she having passed to her reward beyond the grave in McHenry county, Ill., early in the '60s. Our subject was afforded the advantages of a common school education during his boyhood, and supplemented this by much practical knowledge which he acquired by close observation of the things going on around him. He has always devoted himself to farming, has acquired a thorough knowledge of his work, and has placed his estate of 160 acres in section 19, of Springdale township, on which he settled in the spring of 1884 with his family, under good cultivation and has it well improved. A glance at his home shows a good dwelling surrounded by all the necessary barns and out-buildings of substantial construction. He has been honored with a number of the township offices, the duties of which he ever discharged with that promptness and fidelity which has marked his entire career, and won for him the confidence and esteem of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

Mr. Sears was married November 22, 1863, in McHenry county, Ill., to Miss Ellen D. Goodrich, a native of that state. To them came eight children, five of whom are living, viz.: John I., of Chicago; Emma J., deceased; Charles S., deceased; Hattie M., deceased; Arthur N., Walter N., Effie D. and Lettie B. With the exception of the eldest son, all the children are at home. After a pleasant wedded life of thirty-two years, the happy home circle was broken by the death of the beloved wife and



mother, March 27, 1895. She was a woman of rare merit whose fine disposition had gathered to her many friends, and her death has been mourned by a very large number of friends of the family, who had known the deceased for years, and had learned to respect her for her pure life and womanly grace as a beloved neighbor.

**R**EV. STEPHEN JOHN HARMELING, classical missionary of the Reformed Dutch church of America, is a native of Sheboygan county, Wis., and first opened his eyes to the light of day March 8, 1852. His father, Garret J. Harmeling, was born in Westphalia, Germany, was a mechanic by occupation, and in 1848 came to America and located at Sheboygan, Wis., where he passed from this world in 1894, aged seventy years. The mother of our subject, Miss Adelia Hyink, was born in the Netherlands, and is still living; she makes her home in Gibbssville, Wis., and was sixty-nine years of age her last birthday.

Of eight children born to the above couple the gentleman whose name introduces these few brief paragraphs was the eldest, and was reared in his native place to the vocation of a farmer. His early life passed uneventfully and much in the manner of farmer lads of the time. He was a regular attendant at the common schools which the neighborhood afforded, and when he had attained the age of eighteen years became a student at the Hope college at Holland, Mich., from which he graduated a fine scholar seven years later. In 1878 he took a course in theology at Rutgers seminary, of New Brunswick, N. J., finishing his

studies in 1881, and then settled at Spottswood, same state, where he had charge of a parish for two years. At the expiration of that time the Board of Domestic Missions appointed him missionary to Dakota, and in 1882 he started on his journey west to the scene of his future labors, establishing headquarters at Marion Junction, where he has since continued to reside. Rev. Mr. Harmeling's jurisdiction extends over both the Dakotas and Montana, and in discharging his duties, which consist of general missionary work, furnishing pastors for churches whose pulpits may be temporarily vacant, and organizing new congregations, he shows marked ability for the work and has been very successful.

Mr. Harmeling is a man of much intelligence and culture, and the many years of preparation he spent for the ministry have amply fitted him for the responsible position he holds. Many opportunities have been offered him to return east and assume charge of various large congregations, but his preference is for this section of the United States, and he puts much confidence in the resources of and expects great things from the western country. In his political views he is liberal, consulting his own judgment as to which candidate he will support at the polls, as he believes that the party should be sacrificed for the man in every instance.

In the person of Miss Alida M. Binnekant, our subject secured for his wife a lady of genuine worth of character and pleasing manners. Their marriage occurred April 12, 1876, and to this union has been born a family of ten children, six sons and four daughters, viz.: Gertrude, Stephen John, Jr., Emma J., Gerald R. V. D., Henry,



Phillip, Elmendorf, Alida K., Edward B. and Margaret E. S. The eldest child, Gertrude, is a graduate of the Northwestern Classical academy, and holds an appointment in the Marion Junction public schools as assistant to the principal. Stephen John, Jr., now fifteen years of age, will graduate from the same institution in June, 1897. Mrs. Harmeling is a native of Michigan and a daughter of John. Binnekant, deceased. Her mother is still living, having attained the advanced age of eighty-three years, and resides with Mr. and Mrs. Harmeling.

**W**ELLINGTON LOVEJOY is one of the men who profit by tilling the soil of Clay county. The portion of Pleasant Valley township, to which he holds the title consists of 240 acres in section 10, whereon a commodious and comfortable residence has been erected, together with barns, granaries, etc. which belong to a well regulated estate. Shade trees and well kept fences add to the attractive appearance of the farm and also to its monetary value.

Our subject was born in Huntington county, province of Quebec, Canada, January 8, 1848, a son of Lathrop and Keziah (Manning) Lovejoy, the former a native of Vermont, and the latter born in Canada. Of the family of six sons and four daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy, Wellington was the eighth child in order of birth. He had the advantages which the times afforded in the way of schooling, and at home learned how to carry on a farm and manage the business connected therewith. When he had attained the age of nineteen years he

left home and went to Vermont to work and two years later started for the west. He spent a few months in Waupaca county, Wis., and in April, 1869, came to Dakota territory and filed as a homestead, a part of his present farm consisting of 160 acres. This property he has since lived on, improving it and bringing the ground to a high state of cultivation, together with another tract of eighty acres which he has added to his original claim.

Mr. Lovejoy won for his wife, Miss Elizabeth Sherk, to whom he was married in Clay county, October 17, 1875. Mrs. Lovejoy is the fifth child of a family of four sons and three daughters born to Jacob and Salome Sherk, who came to Dakota territory in 1869 and settled in Pleasant Valley township. Mrs. Sherk died there, but her husband is still spared to this world. Mrs. Lovejoy was born in Henry county, Ill., December 7, 1856. She understands the art of making home cozy and attractive, and by her intelligence and goodness has drawn around her a fine circle of friends.

To our subject and his wife three children have been born, named respectively: Josie, the wife of Elmer T. Crawford, has two children—Charles R. and Harry D.; Clyde and Albert R. at home.

Mr. Lovejoy stands well in the community as a man of upright life, well-informed mind and interest in the welfare of those about him. Although he has devoted his attention wholly to agricultural pursuits, he has nevertheless found time to serve his fellow men in various official capacities, having held many of the township offices. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, and socially holds membership in the Tribe of Joseph at Centerville.

EMERSON J. HART is contributing to the general prosperity of Springdale township, Lincoln county, by his work as an intelligent agriculturist who conducts his interests so as to secure the best returns. He is a native of Ionia county, Mich., and a son of Joseph and Diana D. (Marble) Hart, both of whom have been laid in their last resting place, the former dying in Dayton township, this county in November, 1889.

Emerson J. Hart was born March 26, 1848, and was but six years of age when he was deprived of the love and care of his mother, her death occurring at Greenville, Montcalm Co., Mich. Two years after this sad event his father took him to Henry county, Ill., where they lived for a period of two years, and then returned to the Wolverine state. When our subject was fifteen years old he went again to Henry county, Ill., staying there two years, and then located in Ogle county, of the same state. In this latter place he was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to the lady who has ever since shared his joys and sorrows. She bore the maiden name of Annie A. Walker, and is a native of the county in which her marriage occurred, born May 3, 1855. Mrs. Hart's parents were Samuel F. and Mary (Myers) Walker; the latter died in Ogle county in 1861 and is buried there.

Immediately after their marriage, which ceremony took place November 10, 1874, Mr. Hart and his bride located on the 160 acres in section 32 of Springdale township, whereon they have since been residents with the exception of three years, which time was spent in Dallas county, Iowa. He has always followed farming as a means of livelihood and has acquired not a little

knowledge as to the safe and successful management of an estate, and the farm which he is the owner of is well managed and in a fine state of cultivation. All the improvements have been made by Mr. Hart and the farm buildings are all substantially constructed.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hart have been born six children, but the hand of death has visited their otherwise happy home, and only two children—Arthur E. and Elsie V.—now remain members of the parental household. The deceased children are Estella, Frankie, Walker and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Hart has always taken an active interest in local matters, and has served his fellow townsmen for nine years in the capacity of treasurer of his school district. He has also been a justice of the peace, and in many other ways does much to advance the moral welfare of the community in general.

W. C. CARPENTER, who holds the responsible position of agent of the C. M. & St. P. railroad at Marion Junction, Turner county, and who is also one of the oldest employes of the company, is a native of Covington, Ky., born May 23, 1847. His father, Chauncey Carpenter, is a native of Vermont, born in 1813, and was reared in Chautauqua county, N. Y. He was a farmer early in life and a lumber dealer at Covington, Ky., and Evansville, Ind., until 1855, when he left the south for Iowa. He stopped first at Freeport, and later, in 1856, located in Mitchell county, Iowa, on the farm whereon he still makes his home, aged eighty-four years, and quite hale for one of his age. He was appointed postmaster at

Doran, Iowa, under Buchanan's administration, and holds the position yet, being the oldest postmaster continuously in the employ of the government in the country. His father, Monroe Carpenter, was also a native of Vermont, of English descent. Catherine Stoneman, the mother of our subject, was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1820, where she spent her girlhood on a farm and grew to maturity. She passed from time to eternity in 1891 at the advanced age of seventy years. Her father was born in England, and came to America when quite a young man.

The gentleman to whom these lines refer in particular is the second child in order of their birth of a family of four sons and two daughters, and was about nine years of age when he moved to Iowa from old Kentucky with his father. The nearest railroad was 160 miles away, and our subject often recalls the trips he used to make to McGregor with ox teams, hauling wheat to the latter place, getting twelve cents per bushel for the job. He attended the schools at McGregor two winters, and later read law at the same place, and in 1865 began his railroad career as head clerk for the McGregor Western railroad, which was then being built from that place. The St. Paul road had no tracks west of the Mississippi at that time. Mr. Carpenter learned the science of telegraphy during 1865 and '66, and was first located in the employ of the St. Paul railroad at Adams, Minn., on the Iowa and Minnesota division. Later he was transferred to the River division at La Crescent, Minn., and at various other places until 1873, when he was stationed at Ripon, Wis. From this latter place, where he was clerk and operator for six years, he was trans-

ferred in the fall of 1879 to Marion Junction, Turner county, and here he has since remained.

May 13, 1873, was the date of the wedding of our subject to Miss Helen M. Weed. Mrs. Carpenter was born February 3, 1853, in Schoharie county, N. Y., and is a daughter of H. J. and Clareca (Searles) Weed, both natives of the Empire state. She is the eldest of four children, two sons and two daughters, and was about seven years old when she accompanied her parents to Iowa, they settling at that time in Howard county. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have been blessed in their married life by the birth of four children, on whom have been bestowed the following names, viz.: Ida Bell, Harry L., Tyler F. and Willard W. Miss Ida was born in Ripon, Wis., Harry L. in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the two last named children in Marion Junction.

Mr. Carpenter owns a farm of 800 acres in Childstown township, which he rents out and derives a good income therefrom. Politically he is a Republican; has been a school director six years since coming to Marion Junction, and socially belongs to the Masonic order at Parker.

**A**DAM SCOTT. Among the prominent farmers and one of the largest land-owners in Virginia township, is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He is a Scotchman by birth, and was born in Roxbury, in the "land of heather," December 15, 1839, living in that city till he was six years old, when he was taken to England, and lived there for three years more. From England he came to Canada, where he grew to maturity, receiv-

ing such education as the common schools afforded at that time. In 1862 he settled in Michigan, and resided there till Dakota territory first extended its hospitality to him, which was in 1867. In the spring of that year he filed on 160 acres in Virginia township, later relinquishing the same, and in 1868 homesteaded 197 acres, where he at present resides. On this land he erected a small log house, 16 x 20 feet, for a home, having been joined by his family the previous year. His nearest railroad station, when he came to what is now Virginia township, was Dennison, Iowa; north of him there were no settlements till Sioux Falls was reached, fifty miles away, and east no one lived between his farm and O'Brien county, Iowa. Game of all kinds abounded; deer, elk and wolves and coyotes were numerous. Indians were plentiful, too, though probably the worst offense committed against the settlers then was the stealing of horses. He was a member of the "Home Guards," an organization of militia formed by the settlers to protect themselves and families against the redskins, the government furnishing the arms. The company was commanded by Capt. Sargent. Mr. Scott at present owns over 1,100 acres of very fine land, 630 acres of which are in Virginia township. It is largely under cultivation and well improved.

In 1877 the subject of this personal history started for the Black Hills to recuperate his health. He started in company with Charley Wood, also a resident of Union county, and together they made the trip overland with three yoke of cattle and several cows. The Indians were troublesome, and they had to stand guard every night to prevent being taken unawares. Nine miles west of Spearfish Charley Wood was killed

by the Indians, shot from off one of Mr. Scott's saddle ponies. Mr. Scott was nine weeks in the Black Hills country, during which time he was engaged in mining and conducting a ranch. The party with whom he was associated in the "Hills" were surrounded about the 21st day of July by four hundred Indians, and five of their number were killed. Joe Botton, who resided in this county, was one of the five who met death in the skirmish that followed. On the trip home, near the crossing of the Cheyenne river, the coach in which he was making the return journey was set upon by road agents about one o'clock in the morning. All were ordered out of the stage at the muzzle of guns and told to throw up their hands. One passenger, in the excitement of the moment, forgot to obey the order to leave all arms inside the stage and emerged with a gun in his hand. The highwaymen saw it at once and the order was given to fire; but one of the other passengers on the coach, who, it transpired, was a member of the gang of robbers also, called on his pals not to shoot, as the man with the gun didn't know what he was about. They expected to find a treasure box with \$16,000 in it, on board, but were disappointed, as the box was not taken on that trip. The party lost comparatively nothing.

Mr. Scott was married in Canada to Miss Jane Evans, who has borne him nine children, seven of whom are living, viz.: Walter, Adam, John, Ella, Charley, Herbert, and Willie. The deceased are Jane and Anna, the two eldest. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Hawarden lodge, master Mason degree, and politically has been a Republican all his life. In the fall of 1896 he was the candidate of his party

for representative to the state legislature, but owing to the combined strength of the opposition was defeated.

**H**ERMAN KOCH. The dwellers in the great commercial centers of our land are apt to think that the home of the denizens of the farm lands are devoid of comfort and convenience. That this is a mistaken notion is easily shown to one who will visit the well-settled parts of the country, as he cannot fail to observe the estates whereon good buildings, often of modern architecture, neat fences and fruitful orchards and fields, betoken the thrift and prosperity of the dwellers there, and testify to their enjoyment of the good things of life. Such is the case on the estate of the gentleman above named, who owns a farm in Delapre township, Lincoln county.

Our subject is of German birth, his parents, Martin and Wilhelmine (Klebert) Koch, being also natives of the fatherland. They emigrated with their family to America about 1865 and settled at Freeport, Ill., during the first winter, and then in the spring removed to Harlem township, Stephenson Co., Ill., where they settled on a farm. For seven or eight years they made their home on this property and then came west to Dakota territory, settling in Delapre township, Lincoln county, where they still continue to reside. Their family consisted of nine children, Herman being the eldest.

The subject of this brief life history was born in Grossfurra, Germany, October 6, 1853, and passed his early life in his native place. When he had attained the age of twelve years he accompanied his parents on

their trip to America and continued to make his home under the parental roof until the fall of 1876, when he came to Dakota territory. He pre-empted a claim of 160 acres in McCook county, which he afterward sold and purchased ninety acres in section 29 of Delapre township, Lincoln county. On this property he lived for three years and then sold out and entered a homestead in section 30 of the same township. This latter place he improved and brought to a high state of cultivation during the ten years of his residence thereon, and at the expiration of that time he disposed of his interest and bought the farm which constitutes the present base of his operations.

Mr. Koch is one of the prominent men of Delapre township, and is highly esteemed as a citizen of unquestionable honesty. He has been closely identified with the progress of the community in general, and is especially interested in the institutions of local government. A man of his sturdy and upright character and sound mental calibre is of necessity fitted for civic duties, and his fellow citizens, appreciating that fact, have often called him to fill positions of honor and trust in their gift. He has served as clerk of the township for ten years, having first held that office in 1879. As assessor he spent one term, and is at present a justice of the peace, having been elected to that responsible position in 1895. Socially he belongs to Wildey lodge No. 63, I. O. O. F., and politically uses his vote in supporting candidates of the Republican party, of which he is a strong advocate.

To the lady who exhibits her skill and affection in the management of home affairs, our subject was united in the holy bonds of wedlock October 18, 1880, the ceremony

taking place in Sioux Falls. The bride was Mrs. Maggie (Mundlein) Koch, the widow of Adolph Koch, by whom she became the mother of two children, Bertha and Nellie; the latter is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Koch have been born seven children, four only of whom survive, the others dying in infancy. The living are Lillie, Minnie, Emma and Martha. The family belong to the Lutheran church, and both Mr. and Mrs. Koch take an active interest in religious work, being regular attendants at the church of that denomination.

**J**OHAN PETERS, a prominent farm operator of Delapre township, Lincoln county, who is also interested in a general store at Tea in company with Mr. J. M. Heeren, is a native of Hanover, Germany. His father, Dedrich Peters, was a mechanic, and emigrated from the fatherland with his wife and family in 1865, settling in Fond du Lac county, Wis., where he followed the carpenter trade and farming. He removed in 1873 to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., locating on section 6 of La Valley township, where he continued to reside until 1892, when he left South Dakota for Oregon.

Our subject was born March 6, 1864, and was but a year old when his parents emigrated to America, therefore, practically, his whole life has been spent in this country. He was reared to sturdy manhood in La Valley township, Lincoln county, and gleaned his education in the public schools. He remained a member of the parental household until he was twenty-two years of age, when he established a home of his own on section 35 of Delapre township, install-

ing as its mistress the estimable lady who became his bride December 2, 1886. Mrs. Peters bore the maiden name of Miss Mary Detjen, and was born in Fond du Lac county, Wis. Her father, Claus Detjen, was a native of Hanover, Germany, and came with his family to America and settled in the Badger state, where he resided until 1873, and then removed to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. He passed from time to eternity in the latter place in 1892. Mr. Peters has erected some very good buildings of substantial construction on his farm of 153 acres, and from the time he located on the property has been constantly engaged in developing this land and bringing it to a high state of cultivation. He proved very successful as an agriculturist, and in the fall of 1893 decided to try his hand at merchandising. Accordingly he embarked in this line with Mr. J. M. Heeren under the firm name of Peters & Heeren, and their success has been very flattering. By courteous and honorable dealings they have made many friends, their patronage gradually increased, and now they are conducting one of the most thriving mercantile enterprises in the locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters have been blessed in their married life by the birth of two children, Lillie L. M. and Alfred H., and the family belong to the Lutheran church.

**E**DWIN TAPPER, the efficient postmaster of Marion Junction, Turner county, whose biography next claims attention, is a native of Hanover, Germany, and it would be hard to find in the community wherein he makes his home, a better representative of the

thoroughly Americanized son of the German fatherland. He was born February 6, 1840, was reared and schooled in his native place, and continued to advance in knowledge of various kinds and fit himself for the battle of life in the Fatherland, until he had attained the age of twenty-five years, spending his mature years up to the time he embarked for America in the grain business in partnership with his father.

When he landed in the United States, which was in 1865, he went west to Pekin, Ill., and there engaged as a clerk for T. & H. Smith & Company, dealers in farm implements. Ten months later he entered the dry-goods store of a Mr. Maynard in Freeport, Ills., then clerked for Meyer & Stefens who were engaged in the same business, and later took up his residence in Foreston, of the same state, where he clerked for his father-in-law, Mr. Derkson. He next located in Ackley, Iowa, where he worked for William Frances in a dry-goods establishment, and then took the agency of the German Insurance company, of Freeport, for four townships in Hardin county, Iowa. He continued with this firm for about six years, and then in 1878 came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and took up a homestead and timber claim. On this property our subject made his home for two years, at the expiration of which time he entered the dry-goods store of Daily & De-way, Vermillion, as clerk, serving in this capacity about ten months, and then returned to Ackley county, Iowa, engaged again in the insurance business. From the Hawkeye state he went east to Cleveland, where the first two years he held a position on the German Anzeiger, a paper published in that city, and then for six years was em-

ployed by the White Sewing Machine company, also of that city. The next five years of his existence were spent in Freeport and Chicago, Ill., four of which he was engaged with the White Sewing Machine company of the latter city, and at the expiration of that time we see him again in Dakota territory. He stopped first at Lennox, Lincoln county, but shortly afterward located on a farm in Turner county, which he operated for a couple of years, and then bought another farm two miles and a half south of Marion Junction, on which he lived for three years more. Since then, however, Mr. Tapper has been located in Marion Junction, where he is engaged in handling an extensive real estate business, and incidentally acts as postmaster of the village, to which he was appointed in January, 1896.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Bertha Derkson, a native of Stephenson county, Ills., occurred May 20, 1861, and to this union came six children, but one of whom is living—Helen—who still brightens the parental household with her presence. Mr. Tapper is a Republican in his political views, and has always voted for the candidates of that party. He is clerk of the school board of Marion Junction, and a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder and an active worker in the Sunday school connected therewith.

**J**ACOB SCHLICHER. The farming interests of Lincoln county have a worthy exponent in the person of the gentleman above named, who operates 160 acres on section 26 of Delapre township. The entire tract is improved and



tillable, and altogether makes up an estate whereon a remunerative business may well be done by a man who devotes himself closely and intelligently to his work. In the way of buildings every arrangement has been made for the shelter of crops and stock, and good fences enclose and sub-divide the land.

The kingdom of Prussia, a part of the great Germanic confederation, is the birth-place of our subject, who first opened his eyes June 9, 1852. He passed the first seven years of his life in the fatherland and then emigrated to America. For four years after arrival in this country he lived with his parents in Illinois and then went to Fond-du-Lac county, Wis. He also in the meantime spent considerable time in Michigan engaged in railroad work. In the spring of 1874 he came to Dakota territory. He entered the quarter section on which he now resides as a homestead and in due course proved up on it, working in the meantime at the carpenter trade in Minneapolis for a year and a half. Since 1876, however, he has been a constant resident of Lincoln county, and as farming has been his chief occupation during his life he has gained a knowledge of ways and means, times and seasons which have been of great benefit to him in the management of his property. Mr. Schlicher is a gentleman of pleasant disposition, obliging in his relations with those about him, and is regarded with feelings of friendship by his neighbors. He has served as a member of the town board.

Mr. Schlicher was united in marriage in Fond-du-Lac county, Wis., March 28, 1876, to Miss Caroline Fritz, and he and his bride then took up their residence on his farm in Lincoln county. To them one child was

born, Flora by name, who died when but nine months old, and in September, 1880, Mrs. Schlicher also passed to her reward beyond the grave, mourned not only by her sorrowing husband but by many friends of the family, who had known her in life as a kind-hearted, charitable woman, a good wife and a lady of true Christian character.

**T**OLLEF O. LEIKVOLD is successfully pursuing farming on the fertile soil of Pleasant Valley township, Clay county, where his skill and thorough practical knowledge of his calling have greatly assisted in producing his present solid prosperity. He is a son of Ole S. Leikvold, who emigrated from Norway in 1845 and settled in Allamakee county, Iowa, where he married the mother of our subject, Miss Margaret N. Roe, who was also born in Norway. They still reside on the old homestead, in the Hawkeye state.

Of the family of eight children who grew to man and womanhood, Tollef O. was the second in order of their birth, and first opened his eyes to the world June 6, 1854. He was reared to manhood on his father's farm, Paint Creek township, and was afforded such advantages for an education as could be obtained in the common schools of the district. He continued to make his home with his parents until his marriage, and in the spring of 1877 came to Dakota territory in search of a location in which to establish a home of his own. This he found on section 10 of Pleasant Valley township, and here he has since continued to make his home. He is the fortunate owner of 440 acres of finely improved land, from which he reaps rich harvests, and is rapidly gaining







JACOB HIEB

that position of wealth and affluence which comes only to the industrious persons who gather with two hands and scatter with one, as it were. He has held several of the more important township offices, and always takes an active interest in local matters as well as giving his hearty support to all enterprises calculated to advance the public welfare.

The marriage of Mr. Leikvold and Miss Elena Grangaard occurred in Allamakee county, Iowa, December 29, 1876. Mrs. Leikvold was born in Paint Creek township, of that county April 29, 1856, being a daughter of Ole and Ingeborg (Aslebraaten) Grangaard, who emigrated from their native land, Norway, in 1845, and took up their residence in the Hawkeye state. Mr. Grangaard died there in 1873, aged fifty-four years, and his good wife still resides on the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Leikvold are the parents of six children, Iodia C., Odena, Olive, Melvin, Constance N. and Elmore T. They are active religious workers and hold membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church.

JACOB HIEB, an intelligent citizen, and one of the leading business men of Turner county, is the proprietor of a large and lucrative general merchandise business in the town of Marion Junction. If we were to sum up his career in one word that word would be success, for in his every undertaking he has prospered, and through his own efforts he has arisen from a humble position to one of affluence and wealth.

Mr. Hieb was born in southern Russia, July 10, 1858, and was reared there until sixteen years of age, attending the common schools and also the high school two years,

for an education. When he came with his brother to America in 1872 he first located in Yankton, Dak. Ter., where he secured employment as a clerk in a crockery store. For a year and a half he continued thus, and at the expiration of that time went Sioux City, and there worked as bell boy in the Hubbard house for five years. From at Sioux City he came to Marion Junction, and engaged in the general merchandising business in company with Mr. C. Buechler, which partnership existed until 1881, when M. Wollmann purchased the interest of Mr. Buechler. The partnership under the firm name of Hieb & Wollmann lasted about seven years, during which time an immense business was built up, and a large general store established at Freeman. The business became so extensive that it required the constant attention of one member of the firm at each point, and the partnership was therefore dissolved, Mr. Hieb retaining the Marion Junction store, since which time Mr. Hieb has conducted it alone. His patronage is not confined to the limits of Marion township, but extends in every direction, and he does as large a business in his line as any in the county. His present prosperity was not an accident, but the legitimate result of push and enterprise combined with natural business acumen, and sound and mature judgment. In connection with his general store he also operates a creamery and packing house, shipping about forty-five carloads annually of butter and eggs, and he also owns considerable real estate, 1,280 acres in all, and six quarter sections of this property are located in McPherson county.

Mr. Hieb was united in wedlock in August, 1879, to Miss Christina Mettler, also a native of southern Russia, and to this con-

genial union has been born a family of five children, two sons and three daughters, viz.: Jacob, John, Lyda, Henrietta, and Adalina. The family belong to the Reformed church, in which Mr. Hieb acts in the capacity of secretary and treasurer, and he is also a trustee therein. In educational matters he has taken quite an interest, having served on the school board of his district for several years, and also as a member of the town board. Politically he uses his right of suffrage in supporting candidates of the Republican party, and is one of the prominent men of that party in his section.

A portrait of the subject of this biography will be noticed on another page of this work.

**J**AMES MADDEN. The grain farming interests of Lincoln county find no better representative than the man whose name appears at the head of this sketch, who is also a veteran of the late war, in which he did good and efficient service. By untiring industry and the exercise of sagacious judgment and good business faculties he has acquired a fine farm and is classed among the enterprising farmers and grain dealers of Lynn township. He is a native of the state named in honor of William Penn, and was born in Schuylkill county. His parents, Owen and Ellen (Tulley) Madden, were both natives of county Galway, Ireland, but were married in the county in Pennsylvania where our subject first saw the light. They later on located in Woodstock, Ill. Mr. Madden's two sisters, who were also born in the Keystone state, now reside on farms in the vicinity of Worthing, S. Dak.,

one being the wife of P. H. Devitt and the other Mrs. Frank Clark.

James passed his early life from 1857 to manhood in Illinois. After the breaking out of the war he watched its course with patriotic interest, and as soon as he was able enlisted to help defend the Stars and Stripes. He was mustered into company A, Ninety-fifth Illinois regiment, infantry, in October, 1864, and joined the regiment just before the capture of Nashville. He served there and also participated in the engagement at Spanish Fort, Ala. At Montgomery, Ala., in June, 1865, he was discharged on account of sickness and came home; he convalesced, and after regaining his strength engaged in farming. 1872 was the date of his arrival in Dakota territory, and he located at that time on a claim on part of which the village of Worthing now stands. When the railroad was built in 1879 he was fortunate enough in having the depot located on his property, which has greatly enhanced its value. In 1891 he established himself in the buying and shipping of grain, in connection with his other enterprises, and under the firm name of the Farmers' Alliance Warehouse company is conducting a thriving and prosperous business in that line. He is liberal in his religious views, and politically has always affiliated with the Republicans, stanchly supporting the principles of that party by voice and vote. Socially he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and has taken all to and including the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the G. A. R. post at Lennox, in the welfare of which he takes an active interest.

Mrs. Madden, the estimable lady who presides over the household of our subject,

was formerly Miss Mary Gerber, a daughter of Fred Gerber, and by their marriage they have become the parents of nine children, viz.: Ernest, Cora, Maud, Fred and Mary E., and four deceased.

**F**RED G. BOOMGAARDEN is prominent among the farmers of Lynn township, Lincoln county, in section 10 of which he has one of the best-equipped farms in the vicinity, and is quite extensively engaged in raising wheat, corn and barley, in the agricultural line, and hogs in the stock line.

Mr. Boomgaarden was born in the province of Ostfriesland, Germany, and pursued the usual studies under the educational system by which the empire fits her sons and daughters for the battle of life. His parents, Berend P. and Meinste (Nedderhoff) Boomgaarden, were natives of the fatherland, and had a family of three children, viz.: Tibine, a resident of the old country; Fred G. and Jennie, the wife of George Pleis, of Pekin, Ill.; she was married in Germany and came to America with her husband in 1892. Mr. Boomgaarden, Sr., was sexton of the German Reformed church of the district where he resided in Germany, this sextonship having been held by descendants of the family for many generations. Fred grew to manhood amid home influences, and then the accounts he had read and heard of the resources of the new world and the opportunities afforded the poor man, led him to bid adieu to his native land and cross the broad Atlantic to establish a home under fairer skies. This occurred when he was twenty years old, and he came directly to Tazewell county, Ill.

Seven years later, in 1880, he took up his residence farther west, in Saline county, Neb., and made his home there until coming to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. The ways and manners of Americans were somewhat strange to Mr. Boomgaarden, who began life here under adverse circumstances; but he has pushed steadily onward and upward, gathering as he went without scattering, and he now owns a quarter section of fine land, which he bought in 1885. The property was all prairie land when it came into our subject's possession, and all the improvements that have been made are the result of his own labor, and such as befit the home of an intelligent, thrifty man who desires to enjoy life in the best way. As might have been expected, Mr. Boomgaarden as soon as possible took out his naturalization papers after coming to America, and ever since he has used his elective franchise in the support of candidates of the Republican party. As a result of the esteem and respect in which he is held by his fellowmen, he was elected a member of the board of supervisors, and for the last six years has served as clerk of Lynn township, and the duties of both these offices he has discharged with marked ability and satisfaction. Socially he is an Odd Fellow, and a member of the lodge of that order at Worthing.

While a resident of Nebraska the gentleman of whom these lines are written led to the hymeneal altar a young woman who has proved her worth in the home by judiciously managing the household affairs and surrounding her family with comforts and attractions. She bore the maiden name of Martha A. Young and was a daughter of Jarret Young, a native of Kentucky, and in boyhood a close friend and companion of

President Lincoln, they being neighbors in Sangamon county, Ill. Mrs. Boomgaarden's ancestors were Virginians. By this union Mr. and Mrs. Boomgaarden have become the parents of the following children: M. Jennie, B. Fred, Nettie, Harvey, Katie, Martha and Lewis H., all born in Dakota with the exception of the eldest, M. Jennie. Mr. and Mrs. B. and daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**J**AMES BRADBERRY. A reputable standing among the agriculturists of Middleton township, Turner county, is held by James Bradberry, who has shown the best qualities of manhood in the prosecution of his affairs and in his association with those about him. He is one of the men whom South Dakota delights to honor as a soldier, several of the best years of his life having been spent in the service of his country under the stars and stripes. His estate is a fine tract of land and has been brought to a high state of cultivation, and is devoted to the purposes of general farming, which Mr. Bradberry carries on after the most approved methods, thereby winning a due reward for his toil.

Mr. Bradberry is a native of Yorkshire, England, born July 15, 1840, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Stoney) Bradberry, both of whom were also natives of Yorkshire. This couple emigrated to America in 1842 and settled with their family in Grant county, Wis., where Mr. Bradberry worked in the lead mines and later bought some government land on which he settled and passed away, May 1, 1879. His good wife had preceded him thirteen years, she dying April 17, 1866. Of the ten children born

to them four only survive, Eliza, James, Sarah and Margaret; the latter is the wife of Daniel Polley, whose biography will be found on another page of this record. Our subject was raised in Grant county, Wis., and educated in the common schools there, remaining a member of the parental household until September 12, 1861, when he enlisted as a private in company F, Tenth Wisconsin regiment, infantry. He was first ordered with his regiment to Louisville, Ky., and from that time until mustered out participated in many of the famous battles of that period of strife, among which we may name the engagements at Bridgeport, Stevenson, Green River, Perryville, Stone River, Hoover's Gap, Pigeon Ridge, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Burnt Hickory, Kenesaw Mountain, Mount Peak, Peach Tree Creek, and the siege of Atlanta. He was first under the command of Gen. O. M. Mitchell, then under Gen. Buell south to Huntsville, Ala., and back, after which he participated in many skirmishes and several battles and the siege of Chattanooga. November 20th he went back to Wisconsin in the recruiting service, acting as orderly sergeant, and was thus engaged until the following March when he rejoined his regiment at Tyner Station, Tenn. He was a member of the army participating in the siege of Atlanta and later did garrison duty at Marietta, Ga., where he remained until sent back to Milwaukee, Wis., and mustered out. The regiment was composed of very brave and efficient soldiers, and at the expiration of their term of enlistment there remained but seventy-six men, the balance having given up their lives in upholding the national honor. Of our subject's company of thirty men who engaged

in the battle of Chickamauga, but seven remained alive to tell the story of that terrible engagement. Mr. Bradberry himself was wounded in the right thigh and nearly captured by the rebels. He sustained another wound in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, a spent cannister ball striking him in the knee, but this did not prove serious. Our subject served three years and two months and was discharged November 3, 1864. His brother John was also a soldier, being a member of company H, Twenty-fifth Wisconsin regiment, and died in the service in a hospital at Memphis, Tenn.

Upon returning to his home in the Badger state Mr. Bradberry engaged in farming during the summer and mining in the winter until 1872, and September 28th of that year he came to Dakota territory, locating on section 7 of this township. March following he settled his family on the farm and then started in earnest to break up and improve the property. They camped in a wagon at first until better quarters could be erected, and he has made this township his permanent home ever since. Six other families had settled in the neighborhood in that time, but, except for their cabins, no sign of civilization was to be seen for miles around. His dwelling was erected in 1873, and this has been added to from time to time as circumstances and conditions dictated, until now it is one of the most comfortable houses in the vicinity. All the improvements of the 400 acres of land have been made by him, and the neat fences, out-buildings of substantial construction and various other evidences of thrift and enterprise reflect credit on the owner. He is exclusively a farmer, and has been a breeder of fine hogs, some very fine specimens of the Poland

China breed now being in his possession. As he began with little and lost his crops for six years through grasshoppers, droughts, etc., his present prosperous condition bespeaks well of his persistent industry, sagacity and sound business judgment which has enabled him to rise, as it were, from poverty to affluence and plenty, and he is deservedly esteemed and respected.

The marriage of Mr. Bradberry and Miss Alice Petty occurred in Grant county, Wis., January 24, 1872. Mrs. Bradberry is a native of the Badger state and one of the five living children of a family of eleven born to Joseph and Jane (Jarratt) Petty, early settlers of Grant county. Mrs. Petty still resides there, but her husband passed to the world beyond April 17, 1890. Mrs. Bradberry's brothers and sisters still living are James, Benjamin, Effie G. and Josephine. Mrs. Bradberry was born September 20, 1846, and was educated in the common schools of her native county, where she grew to maturity and married our subject. They have had eleven children come to bless their happy union, but eight only survive, viz.: Edgar J., James Frederick, Joseph S., Jesse Clarence, Ethel M., Arthur P., Margaret Alice and Jane Elizabeth. Mr. Bradberry has been a school officer ever since the school district was first organized, and as a friend of education gives his children all good schooling to fit them for the battle of life. Politically he is a Republican, and has always taken an active interest in local affairs, having been chairman of the board of county commissioners, in which body he served one term of three years, and was also chairman of the first township board of Middleton township. He was also a member of the first grand jury of Turner county.

Socially he is a member of Hurley lodge No. 75, I. O. O. F., and also belongs to the G. A. R. post of the same place, of which he has served as commander. Mrs. Bradberry is a member of the Rebekah lodge.

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EDWARD W. NORTON is the owner of half a section of land in Lynn township, Lincoln county, the entire amount of which is under cultivation. He devotes his energies to general farming, at which he has succeeded admirably. His home is situated a short distance from the town of Worthing, and its neat and tasty surroundings, combined with the fine appearance of the farm, indicate the owner to be a man of enterprise and thrift. As Mr. Norton is well known throughout the community, being an old settler, a sketch of his life will be received with interest by our readers.

He was born in county Roscommon, Ireland, and when seven years of age his parents, Patrick and Sarah (Caufield) Norton, came to America, bringing with them their family of five children. Their first location was in Albany county, N. Y., and after residing there one year, emigrated further west and settled in Janesville, Wis. That was in 1849, and in the vicinity of the location named he passed his boyhood and grew to mature years. In 1860 the gold excitement struck Colorado and he emigrated to that state, engaging in mining. While there the war broke out, and Mr. Norton, in 1863, decided to enlist, which he accordingly did, in company A, Third Colorado cavalry. His regiment was started east and told to follow the rebel forces under

Gen. Quantrell, who had shortly before sacked the city of Lawrence. The troop followed to Cape Girardeau, Mo., and was then mustered into the regular army at Arkansas Post, participated in the battles of Arkansas Post and Duval's Bluff, and then, having lost heavily in these battles and previously, the remainder of the regiment went back to Cairo, Ill. There several badly broken-up companies were mustered together and consolidated into one regiment. The new organization returned to Fort Leavenworth, and thence to the Colorado state line, where they engaged in rounding up hostile Indians. Our subject received an arrow wound while on duty in Colorado, but entirely recovered from its effects. After an honorable discharge at Denver in 1865, he immediately took up his former occupation of mining, which he carried on until 1867, when he returned to his old home in Wisconsin. The fall of that same year Mr. Norton was married to Miss Catherine Murtha, a daughter of Thomas Murtha, who was a native of Ireland, but emigrated from the Emerald Isle in 1856 with his family, and settled in Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Norton continued to reside in the Badger state for two years, and then, in 1871, located on the farm where they now make their home. The country was a trackless prairie then, no houses being in sight, and all his produce which wasn't destroyed by grasshoppers, prairie fires, or by other means, he hauled to Sioux City. He brought the lumber for his first house from that city, erected a small building and started in to break up his claim. So well has he succeeded in this venture that he is now the possessor of a fine piece of property, highly cultivated, and all of which he superintends



himself. The severe blizzard of 1872 caught him away from home, but he managed to get to Canton all right and suffered but little. He was unfortunate again, however, in the winter of 1873, and was caught in a snow-storm with Mr. Nash, of Canton. When the blizzard came on the weather was extremely cold, and although the snow blinded them, they pushed on and finally came to the house of Mr. Newton, who offered them the hospitality of his home until the storm abated. Politically, Mr. Norton was a Republican until 1873, when he decided that the Democratic party voiced the principles he was in favor of. Since 1891, however, he has affiliated with neither party exclusively, preferring to vote for the men who he thinks will fill the offices for which they are candidates to the best interest of the public at large. Socially he is a member of the G. A. R., and also of the Old Settlers' society of Lincoln county, of which organization he has served as president.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton's union has been graced with a family of seven children, as follows: James, Nellie, Charles, Frank, Mary, John, and Katie. He and family are all devout members of the Catholic church and attendants at the place of worship of that denomination at Worthing.

**F**RANK A. JONES, an old settler and respected citizen of Turner county, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., January 13, 1852. His present home, located in section 9, Home township, represents the best western hospitality, and consists of a farm of 440 acres of highly improved land; a fine residence, built in 1893, at a cost of \$2,000; a barn, 40 x

100 feet, with stone basement, built at a cost of over \$1,600; together with dairy-house, granary, and numerous out-houses and sheds for shelter of stock and machinery.

Mr. Jones has been the maker of his own fortune. In 1856, when he was but four years of age, his family removed with him to the state of Iowa, and located in Cedar county. Here he remained nine years, and then at the early age of thirteen, started out alone to battle with the world for his fortune. He went to western Iowa, and then to Nebraska, in 1865. With headquarters at Omaha, he engaged with the Union Pacific railroad, and for three years accompanied the civil engineer in locating that great line of road. His duties in this capacity took him to California. Severing his connection with the Union Pacific company in 1869, he returned to Iowa and located in Woodbury county, where he remained until 1871. He then went to Texas, and then engaged in the work of cattle driving, and from that state to Baxter Springs, Kans. After one year of this work he went to Kansas City, where he joined John Robinson's shows. From here he went to St. Louis, then up the Mississippi river, returning to St. Louis on a raft. From St. Louis he went to Rock Island county, Ill., where he worked in the coal mines for five years. February 17, 1873, in Rock Island county, Ill., occurred his happy marriage to Miss Clara E. Pruden, a native of the state of Ohio, but who had lived in Rock Island county since early childhood. Three children were born to this union: Conrad B., Rose E., and Pearl E. The estimable wife and mother died in 1894.

With his family, Mr. Jones moved to

Turner county, S. Dak. (then Dakota territory), in 1876. He first located in section 18, taking up 160 acres, and also a tree claim of 160 acres. Five years later he sold out and purchased his present homestead.

Mr. Jones has proved himself a practical farmer, and his highly improved lands, comfortable buildings, and the general air of prosperity which impress the visitor, are the best evidences of his personal care and scrupulous attention to the details of his business. He has extensively engaged in stock-raising, and his efforts have been attended with marked success.

He is a Mason in good standing, maintaining membership in the Parker lodge. He is esteemed as a neighbor, and respected as a citizen of worth. His influence is strongly felt in all local affairs pertaining to Turner county's interests. A history of Turner county would be incomplete without notice of his influence in its affairs.

**H**ON. ANDREW E. LEE. This biographical record would be incomplete without a sketch of Hon. Andrew E. Lee, governor of South Dakota, who has for over a quarter of a century made his home in Vermillion. He holds a prominent place as a merchant, citizen and politician, having been identified with the various phases of the progress of the county since he first began his labors here, and it is a cause of rejoicing to all who enjoy his acquaintance that prosperity attends him.

Mr. Lee was born near Bergen, Norway, March 18, 1847. In 1851 his parents emigrated from the mother country and settled

in Dane county, Wis., near Cambridge, and there our subject passed his boyhood days. His father was a farmer by occupation and young Andrew was reared amid rural surroundings and home influences, early learning from his Christian parents the virtues of honesty and sobriety by which his life has been governed in later years. He gleaned such education as was afforded in the public schools, at fourteen was confirmed in the Norwegian Lutheran church, according to the custom of his people, and at the age of sixteen left the parental household for McGregor, Iowa. In that city he secured a position as clerk in a store for a period of five years, after which he went to Madison, Wis., where he engaged in the same occupation another two years, and then in 1869 left the Badger state for Dakota territory. On arrival in Vermillion he formed a partnership with Mr. Charles E. Prentis, and they began business under the firm name and style of Lee & Prentis. As the result of sound business judgment applied to all their transactions, a determination to succeed, and possessing the requisite experience, push and enterprise necessary to reach that goal, this firm has built up what is without doubt the most extensive mercantile business in the state of South Dakota. Messrs. Lee & Prentis are also largely interested in raising and feeding livestock, and are breeders of short horn cattle, of which they have on their farm some very fine specimens.

Mr. Lee takes a keen interest in the affairs of his adopted country, and no citizen of Vermillion is more solicitous of its welfare. In every possible way he seeks to promote the social and educational advancement of the community at large, and, pos-

sessing many talents which commend him for civic office, he has been called upon by his fellow townsmen at various times to serve them in public capacities. He has been alderman in the city council two terms, mayor of Vermillion two terms, and August 14, 1896, was nominated by the state Populist convention held at Huron, for governor. The election was very close, but an official count of the ballots determined Mr. Lee winner of the prize, and at this writing he is just fairly started in the discharge of his duties as the state's chief executive.

**J**OSIAH SHELDON, well known as a prominent citizen, and one of the early settlers of Lincoln county, was born in Franklin county, Vt., and when a lad left there with his parents who came to Iowa and located in Jackson county. Later on they removed to Dane county, Wis., where their deaths occurred. Samuel Sheldon, the grandfather of our subject, was also a native of the Green Mountain state, and his grandfather came originally from England in the early history of the country, and participated as a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Josiah passed his maturer years in Wisconsin on a farm, spending his time when not required in the cultivation of the homestead in acquiring the rudiments of an education. When the war broke out in 1861 he returned to Iowa and that year enlisted in the Fourth Iowa cavalry. The troop was ordered to Missouri and there mustered into the regular army under General Curtis. They were engaged in some skirmishes in Arkansas; then went down the Mississippi river to participate in the siege of Vicksburg,

and after the fall of that place were transferred to duty at Memphis, Tenn. In December, 1864, our subject's time as a soldier expired and he returned home to Wisconsin where he remained until 1876, the year of his arrival in Lincoln county. He took up a timber and homestead claim near the present site of the village of Lennox, on which he proved up and has since lived. As a business man Mr. Sheldon has met with success in all his undertakings, and since the town of Lennox was platted has been closely identified with its steady progress to its present flourishing condition. Socially he is a Grand Army man and also a member of the Masonic fraternity at Lennox.

**E**D. D. LEWIS, who is engaged in the banking business in the village of Worthing in partnership with Charles E. Judd, is one of the substantial and well-to-do-citizens of the locality in which he resides. His father, Elias Lewis, was probably born in Wales, but our subject is in possession of no information positively confirming that point; his parents, however, were known to be natives of that country. When the war broke out Ed. D. was but a babe and with his parents lived in his native state of West Virginia. His father enlisted as a soldier, but before doing so thought best to send his wife and child to Ohio, feeling that she would be safer in that state. He served from 1861 to the close of hostilities in 1865 and then returned to his wife and family then living at Girard, Ohio. There he has since made his home and is still living, passing the evening of his life in comfortable circumstances. He and his wife had a family of

five children, the subject of this short life history being the eldest; then, in the order of their birth, the following: Ella, wife of Robert Evans; David and Daniel, twins; and Carody. All with the exception of Ed. D. still live in Ohio.

Our subject was reared in Ohio, gaining such education as was afforded in the schools of his day, but what knowledge he lacked from want of better privileges for learning he made up by close observation, and in 1877, when he was yet in his 'teens he removed to Wisconsin, that being his first journey in the battle of life for himself and without a mother or father's guidance. He engaged in the drug business in Spring Green, Sauk county, for several years, two of which he held the position of assistant postmaster. In 1882 he decided that Dakota territory afforded the best opportunity for a young man of his proclivities and accordingly located at Worthing and established himself in the general mercandise business. He carried on operations continuously until 1886, and then located in Sioux Falls, in the boot and shoe business, which he engaged in successfully until 1891, that year returning to Worthing. For two years he held the office of postmaster, and in 1894 bought the banking business which he now conducts with Mr. Judd. What he has accomplished since his initiation into the business world has been entirely the result of his own efforts and energy, and his success is the legitimate outcome of time well spent, sound and mature judgment as applied to his affairs, and an ambition to become independent.

Mr. Lewis, during his residence in Wisconsin, became acquainted with Miss Mary, a daughter of E. P. Morgan, of Spring

Green, a retired farmer; the acquaintance ripened into love and his proposal of marriage being accepted, he returned during the winter of 1882 from Dakota to his former place of residence, where the ceremony uniting their lives was celebrated. Mr. Lewis is possessed of many good qualities, and although she succeeded to the position of postmistress on her husband's resignation as postmaster, she lost, as the result, none of her womanly instinct, and her beautifully decorated and well arranged household bespeak her true devotion as a wife. They have been blest with one child, a boy, Evan Elias Lewis. Mr. Lewis takes much interest in social affairs and is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Lennox, of the chapter at Canton and the commandery at Sioux Falls.

**R**OHAN KAPPENMAN is a fine representative of the German element that is helping to carry forward the extensive farming interests of Turner county. He has a large farm in section 17 of Dolton township, which is in a fine condition and one of the most valuable pieces of property in this vicinity. January 13, 1835, was the date of the birth of our subject in what is known as Hohenzollern, kingdom of Prussia, Germany. He grew to be sixteen years of age amid the pleasant scenes of his early home, having been apprenticed at the age of thirteen to learn the shoemaker's trade. He was ambitious to see something more of the world and to better his fortunes, so when he had become proficient in the art of making all kinds of footwear, he went to France, remaining there two years, and then spent the next twelve months in Switzer-

land. At the expiration of that time he returned to the fatherland, and on the very day he was nineteen years of age embarked for America.

On landing at New York city he was fortunate in finding a position and remained in that city for about fourteen months, removing from there to Oneida, Madison Co., N. Y., and thence to Fulton, Whiteside Co., Ill. In both these latter places he found employment working at his trade, being sixteen months in the former and four months in the latter, and then he went to Freeport, Ill., where he remained six months more. During the next six years Mr. Kappenman was located at Lightville, Ogle Co., Ill., where he followed his trade as a means of livelihood, and then he removed to Blackhawk county, Iowa, and settled on a farm in Barkley township. This property he brought to a high state of cultivation, improving it in many ways, and April 17, 1879, arrived in Dakota territory. After looking around a little while he took up a half section of land as a homestead and timber claim, and on this property he has since continued to reside. He was one of the first settlers of the township, and taught the first school therein. During the summer he devoted his attention to his agricultural interests, and in the cold months would take up his labors as a pedagogue, teaching twelve successive terms in all, after he took up his residence here. He is now extensively engaged in grain buying and shipping at Dolton station, besides conducting his farm, and has an extensive trade in that line.

The marriage of Mr. Kappenman and Miss Amelia Brown was celebrated September 28, 1856, at Fulton City, Ill. Mrs. Kappenman is a native of Prussia and made

her home there until twelve years of age, when she came with her parents to this country. This union has been blessed by a family of fourteen children, of whom we note the following: Edward, Charles, John C., Fred L., William, Frank, Louisa, the wife of Alfred Fogel; Anna, now Mrs. John Holden; Lizzie, the wife of Bert Cleveland, and Emma, who is still a member of the parental household. The deceased members of the family are Charles, Henry, Amelia and Mary.

Politically Mr. Kappenman has been for fourteen years a Republican, but he is now a free-silver man. He is highly respected by all who know him; and has had the honor of serving his fellow men in various official capacities, among which we may name the position of clerk of the school board two terms, and as county commissioner one term. He and his wife are people whose daily lives are such as to command the respect of all about them, and the family are devout members of the Catholic church.

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**R**ICHARD AINSWORTH. The farming and stock-raising interests of Lincoln county probably have no better representative than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, who is classed among its most practical, enterprising and successful farmers. He comes from Lancashire, England, his birth occurring in that vicinity on a farm, and is the only child of Joseph and Isabella (Woods) Ainsworth that grew to mature years. After his mother's death his father subsequently married a second time, Maria Culsha being

the bride, and she is the mother of quite a family.

Richard stayed on old Albion's shores in his native place, assisting in the labor of the farm, until 1866, when he became convinced that on American soil he would reap better and richer harvests from his labors than he could ever expect to in England. Accordingly, in 1866, he emigrated to this country and engaged in his chosen occupation of farming in the state of Minnesota. From the Gopher state he came direct to Dakota territory in May, 1873, and located originally on a claim in Grant township. This land he in time proved up on, later trading it for another farm in Lynn township, and at present he is the possessor of a half section located in both the foregoing townships. His worldly goods when he arrived in Lincoln county consisted of a team and wagon and a few dollars in cash, and, after erecting a small shanty, which he sodded up on both sides, started in to break up and improve his property. He has succeeded admirably, although the hardships and privations through which he passed in pioneer days almost discouraged him, and he is now fairly well-to-do. He is well acquainted with a certain Mr. Grasshopper, whom he had occasion to meet, with disastrous results to himself, in the early '70s, and with the severe blizzards of that period also had his full quota of experience.

Mr. Ainsworth has been married twice, his first bride being Miss Mary Balderston, whom he led to the altar of matrimony in Minnesota, and by her he was the parent of one daughter, Isabella. After her death, and two years subsequent to his arrival in Dakota, he was united in wedlock to Miss Jannet Curry. Mrs. Ainsworth is of Scotch

birth, but her parents removed to Toronto, Canada, during her early childhood, and there she grew to maturity. This union has been blest with six children, and consists of three boys and three girls, as follows: James, Joseph, Alice, Annie, Violet and Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Ainsworth are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are actively interested in religious work. Mr. Ainsworth has never engaged prominently in the whirl-pool of politics, preferring to devote his energy to his personal interests, but in the use of his right of suffrage has supported the Republican party mostly.

**H**ON. ENDRE S. HESLA. Among the well-tilled estates in Pleasant Valley township, Clay county, that of Mr. Hesla is deserving of notice for its well-regulated appearance, both as regards the cultivation of the fields, and the adequateness of the various buildings to the needs of farmer and his family.

Our subject is a native of Allamakee county, Iowa, and a son of Sven and Isabel (Gaarder) Hesla, both of whom were born in Norway. Mrs. Hesla died in Allamakee county, and of the family of nine children born to herself and husband, Endre S. was the second, and first opened his eyes to the light November 21, 1852. He was reared to manhood in his native county in the Hawkeye state, and during his boyhood attended the common schools of the district for an education, finishing his studies by two terms at a private school in Lansing, Iowa. He remained a member of the parental household until 1876, at which time he went to Buena Vista county, of the same

state, and purchased a farm. This property he operated until the spring of 1882, at which time he sold out and came to Clay county, Dak. Ter., and purchased the farm of 160 acres on section 22 of Pleasant Valley township, which now forms a part of his estate. He settled thereon immediately and has ever since devoted his time and attention to its cultivation, together with forty acres more which he subsequently added to his original holding, making in all an estate of two hundred acres. The land is made to produce abundantly of the cereals which form the greater part of the crops in this section of the state, and presents a fruitful and beautiful appearance when clothed with waving grain.

Mr. Hesla was married in his native county, in Iowa, March 23, 1877, to Miss Helene Ellefson, also born in Allamakee county, the date of her birth being May 25, 1857, and to this congenial union have come nine children, viz.: Sven Herman, Ove Norman, Peter Edwin, Inman Albert, Inga Caroline, Oliver, Elmer, Helen Clara, and Mabel Roselia. Mr. Hesla has held the positions of township assessor, clerk, and supervisor, and various of the school offices, and in the fall of 1894 he was elected to the state legislature, in which body he served one term. Religiously he is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church, and his estimable wife also belongs to the same denomination.

**G**UNDER JOHNSON is successfully pursuing farming on the fertile soil of Lynn township, Lincoln county, and his skill and thorough knowledge of his calling combined with practical

methods have been potent factors in producing the present solid prosperity of that locality. He was born in the land from which so many of America's thrifty and prominent agriculturists hail—Norway—and since 1874 has constantly resided on his present farm. 1871 was the year he first set foot on American soil, and for three years later and up to his departure for Dakota territory, he made his living in the state of Maine. He was one of the pioneers of the locality where he lives, and is now the oldest settler in his neighborhood. His first shelter was a sod house, in which he lived for several years, and for his cattle he constructed a barn of the same material. He passed through all the usual hardships incident to the early history of Dakota territory, had his crops spoiled by grasshoppers and hail storms, and witnessed other destroyers of the fruit of his labor do their devastating work; but he withstood it all with apparent unconcern, knowing that it could not always be so, and the wisdom of his constant application to his chosen calling is attested by the fact that he is now in comfortable circumstances. He originally owned a half section of land, but disposed of half of it a short time ago. His remaining property is all under cultivation and in an excellent state of tillage. In conjunction with his farming interests he also raises live stock and handles a good grade of animals. Politically he has been a staunch supporter of Republican principles ever since his first vote.

Mr. Johnson, soon after arriving in Dakota came to the conclusion that it is not good for man to be alone, and, accordingly, having won the consent of Isabelle Ingeborg Severtson to become his partner in



life, was married. Mrs. Johnson came to the county about 1872, two years prior to her marriage, and by her union with Mr. Johnson has become the mother of four children, viz.: Emma and John (twins), Minnie and Sievert, all of whom reside at home. Mrs. Johnson, by a former marriage had three daughters—Lena, Sadie and Nettie. The family are devout Christians and members in good standing of the Lutheran church.

**J**R. LAMBERTZ, late county commissioner and all-around prominent man of Turner county, has a fine farm on section 25 of Rosefield township, on which he is doing a thriving general farming business. He is a native of West Prussia, a part of the Germanic confederation, and was born near the city of Cologne March 6, 1858, a son of John Joseph and Mechteldis Lambertz. In his native place he passed his early boyhood days, receiving an education in the excellent common schools with which the fatherland fits her subjects for the battle of life, and when he had attained the age of twelve years bade adieu to his native country and sailed with his parents for free America. Mr. and Mrs. Lambertz located with their family near Cassville, Grant county, Wis., on a farm, and there our subject made his home until 1884, assisting in the cultivation of the property.

When he was sixteen years of age young Lambertz started out for himself, working by the month, and spent a year and a half in this manner in Montgomery county, Iowa. After his marriage he settled on a farm in Wisconsin and continued to reside there until 1885, when he arrived in Turner

county, Dak. Ter. He bought the 160 acres which now constitute his estate and settled thereon. The property had been improved with a little sod shanty, and about forty acres of the land had been broke, but further than this no advancement had been made toward the permanent improvement of the estate. Three weeks after he and his family had settled on the farm a prairie fire swept the place, and out of a carload of household effects, etc., which they brought with them from Wisconsin they saved less than a wagon box full. Again, in 1889, after things were running smoothly another prairie fire devastated the region and destroyed crops, barns, etc., in fact everything except their dwelling. However, our subject was undismayed, and he applied himself diligently toward rebuilding his outhouses, sheds, etc., and prepared for putting in a crop the next year. Since then, by industry and perseverance he has regained all he has lost, and more, too, and still continues to prosper.

Mr. Lambertz is a man of good, common sense, and his record as a public officer shows him to be an honest, trustworthy citizen, ever alive to the best interests of the community at large. That he is popular none will deny, and the esteem and respect in which he is held is further attested by the fact that, although he is a Democrat in his political views, and Turner county is strongly Republican, he was nevertheless elected to the important position of county commissioner in 1890, and re-elected to the same office in 1893. He was a candidate for the state legislature on the People's ticket in the fall of 1896, but party lines were so closely drawn that he failed to be elected. He has also taken quite a little



interest in school matters and has served either as a member of the school board or as clerk of the district ever since he came to the county.

The marriage of our subject to Miss Christina Prisack, a native of Grant county, Wis., occurred September 7, 1880, and to this union have been born seven children, viz.: John, deceased; Lizzie, Anna, William, Joseph, Katie, deceased, and Mary. The family belong to the Catholic church, and are regular attendants thereat.

**J**OHAN J. WESTRE. Clay county has few more enterprising or energetic men among the members of its farming population than this gentleman. He is successfully engaged in farming and stock dealing in Pleasant Valley township, where he has a good farm of nearly 1,000 acres, and is held in universal esteem and respect by his fellowmen.

John J. Westre is a son of the late John Westre, who died in Pleasant Valley township about 1888. He and his wife came to America with their family in 1865 and settled in La Salle county, Ill., later in Mahaska county, Iowa, and in the fall of 1871 located in the southwestern part of the above township where their deaths occurred. Of a family of twelve children but two survive, John J., the subject of this biography, and Henry, a sketch of whom will be found in another part of this work. Our subject was born in Norway, August 3, 1848, and had attained the age of seventeen years when he accompanied his parents on their journey to America. He resided with them first in the Prairie state, and then in Iowa, and in the fall of 1870

came to Dakota territory and took up a homestead of 160 acres in Star township. This property he lived on and improved, adding to it another 160 acres, and made it the base of his operations for fourteen years. At the expiration of that time he purchased and settled on the land he now occupies on section 30, of Pleasant Valley township. Mr. Westre has given his sole attention to buying and shipping stock and general farming, and has made a success of the life he has chosen. His home farm is adorned by every necessary and convenient building, including a good substantial dwelling, and is one of the most comfortable and home-like appearing properties in the county.

By his marriage August 13, 1873, to Miss Mary Serenson, a native of Wisconsin, our subject secured the active co-operation of one who was an important factor in bringing about his prosperity. After a happy married life of twenty years Mrs. Westre passed to the world beyond, leaving behind to the care of her sorrowing husband, four children on whom had been bestowed the following names: Jay N., Mabel C., Nellie T. and Lillie P. Bertie, the twin sister of Lillie P., died when eight months of age. Mr. Westre, politically, is as Populist, and religiously holds membership in the Norwegian Lutheran church.

**H**ALDOR H. STUBSTEN is comparatively a recent recruit to the farming and stock raising community of Lynn township, but not of Lincoln county. He has for some time been numbered among the agriculturists of the county, who, in the pursuit of their farm work, make use of the best and most modern

methods of cultivation, and has been living in the vicinity of his present location since 1878.

Near the capital city of Norway—Christiania—the subject of this brief biographical sketch first opened his eyes to the light of day, and in that country passed his boyhood and early youth, acquiring an education in the excellent common schools of the district where he resided. At the age of seventeen years he made his appearance in America, crossing the stormy Atlantic in 1872 and going direct to Allamakee county, Iowa, where he made his home until his arrival in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., in 1878. He came with his brothers and filed on a homestead a mile and a half southwest of the present situation of the village of Lennox, on which he proved up in time and carried on a general farming business. In 1893 he sold out and bought the property where he now lives, consisting of about a quarter section. His career is an illustration of what possibilities are open in America for those possessed of an ambition to succeed who also have a fund of energy, perseverance and pluck, as well as a capacity for hard work, to help accomplish their purpose. He was nothing but a poor emigrant boy when he arrived in America, his brother paying for his passage from the old country; but his makeup contained all the qualifications necessary for his ultimate success and he is now fairly well-to-do. Besides good substantial out-buildings which naturally make his property valuable, as well as reflect credit on the push and enterprise of its owner, he has a beautiful and comfortable home, which is ably presided over by an efficient and capable housewife. This estimable lady was formerly Miss Maria Lien,

and became our subject's wife in 1885. Their household has been blest by the advent of five children named, respectively, in the order of their birth, Mina, Hilda, Oliv, Helmer and Alma. The family are all members in good standing of the Lutheran church at which they are regular attendants. Mr. Stubsten formerly affiliated with the Republican party, but now casts his vote for the candidates voicing Populist doctrines.

Mr. Stubsten's parents, Hans and Betsy A. Stubsten, lived and died in their native land. One brother of our subject, Frederick, now lives in the vicinity of Lennox; a sister, Alita, became the wife of Hans O. Sather, who is also a resident of Lincoln county, and another sister married Ole Hugan and now lives in Norway.

**H**ON. JOHN TURNBULL is one of the prominent and well-known citizens of Centerville, where he is engaged as a dealer in general merchandise. He was born in the county of Roxburgh, Scotland, December 15, 1828, and his parents, Mark and Jeanette (Scott) Turnbull, were also natives of the same county, and came of a sturdy yeomanry and of devout Christian families. The father was a miller by occupation, and died in Scotland at the age of seventy-one years, his good wife having preceded him at the age of fifty-nine. Seven children were born to this couple, of whom we note the following: Mark was the eldest; James, the second child, came to America and joined the army under Gen. Scott in the Mexican war; he stayed in Texas, where it is supposed he was killed by Indians; John is the subject of this biography; Thomas is now in Australia,





A. AND MARY G. LEWIS

if he is living; William is still in Scotland, where also reside Anna and Jeanette, the remaining members of the family.

Our subject was reared in Scotland and laid the foundation of his education in the common schools. The first institution of learning he attended was the parish school at Denholm, and after completing his studies there he became a student at Melrose, the school building being located about three miles and a half from the home of Scotland's great poet, Sir Walter Scott. Mr. Turnbull came to America in 1856, and stopped for three days in New York city, then in Rochester, N. Y., and in 1857 he located in Chicago. He remained in Cook county, Ill., with the exception of one winter, until 1866, and then went to St. Louis, Mo., where he spent four years more. At the expiration of that time he decided to engage in the stock business and went to Schuyler county, northern Missouri, where he remained two years and then came direct to Turner county, Dak. Ter. That was in 1872, and Turner township, where he located, was but very sparsely settled, he being one of the first settlers in that part of the county. He lived on and improved this property for a period of ten years, and in 1882 removed to Centerville. That village contained but six buildings then and Mr. Turnbull hauled lumber from Parker with which to build his house, and he has ever since been connected with the commercial interests of the city. He was the first grain buyer and the only one for two years after his arrival.

The marriage of Mr. Turnbull and Lucretia Ross, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary Ross, and a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, was celebrated June 2, 1873.

Mrs. Turnbull was born April 25, 1829, and is of English-German descent, although both her parents were born in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull have no children of their own but have adopted a lad who is now attending the village school. He has been given the name of Barnard.

Our subject is a Republican politically, and a man of mark in his community, his bearing in private life and his standing as a citizen being irreproachable. Several important offices have been entrusted to his care and he has never failed to justify the confidence placed in him by the people. While a resident of Turner township he was a justice of the peace, a member of the school board, and was also elected county commissioner; in 1888 he represented Turner county in the territorial legislature. Socially he holds membership in the I. O. O. F. of Centerville, and religiously belongs to the Reformed church in which he is an elder.

**A**HAUNCY A. LEWIS, a thrifty and energetic farmer living in Virginia township, Union county, was born in Cornwall, Addison Co., Vt., March 10, 1817. His boyhood days were spent in the county of his birth, and there also he received what education was furnished in the common schools for a period of two years. He is a son of Alanson and Polly (Russell) Lewis, the former a Vermonter and a soldier in the war of 1812-15, taking part in the battle of Plattsburg, and the latter a native of Connecticut. Both his parents lived and died in Vermont.

The Green Mountain state was the home of the subject of this personal sketch till he was thirty-four years of age. At that time

(1852) he with his family settled in Dane county, Wis., where he bought land, several different farms altogether. They resided in Dane county, and also Fond du Lac county, in the latter four years. They then removed to southern Iowa temporarily, living in Decatur county a year and a half; but this venture was not altogether profitable, proving disastrous in some particulars, and they returned to Wisconsin to live until they came to Dakota territory, in 1876. On arrival here Mr. Lewis homesteaded 160 acres opposite his present home, and also entered a timber claim in Virginia township. A twelve by fourteen foot board shanty was the first house erected, and in this he and his family lived for seven years. This building is still preserved in memory of the past. During one winter, the time when the snow was so deep, they only had corn stalks to burn, which they had to dig out of five feet of snow with a spade, and then drag to the house. Unlike many of the other early settlers, he had some means with which to assist himself, but the grasshoppers played havoc with his crop for a couple of years, and he saw some pretty hard times. Subsequently he purchased 160 acres opposite his claim, upon which he has since resided.

Mr. Lewis has been an instructor in vocal music since he was twenty-five years of age. He was assessor of Virginia township the first year after South Dakota became a state, and served as justice of the peace for a year and a half when he resigned the office. He was married in 1840 in Vermont, to Miss Mary C. Flanagan, a daughter of John and Mary (Parker) Flanagan, natives of New England, but subsequently settlers of Vermont, where Mrs. Lewis was born, October 30, 1819. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis

have traveled life's pathway together for fifty-six years, sharing joys and sorrows alike, and they celebrated their golden wedding six years ago. They are the parents of four children, viz.: Julian C., Ledyard Verdine, Leslie Llewellyn, and Flora Elizabeth. Julian C. was a member of company B, Seventh Wisconsin regiment, infantry, enlisted the first year of the war and was killed at the battle of Gainesville, Va., August 28, 1862, aged nineteen years. Ledyard V. is a physician and resides in Dane county, Wis. Leslie L. came to Union county, Dak., in 1873, took a homestead and timber claim and lived here till his death, which occurred in 1881 when he was thirty-four years old. His wife died two years later. They left no children. Flora E. married Seth Huggins, a pioneer of Union county and at present a resident of Alcester township. Mr. Lewis and wife are members in good standing of the Presbyterian church of their neighborhood, and have been closely connected with religious matters all their lives. Politically Mr. Lewis has been a life-long Republican and he still supports the candidates of that party.

In connection with this biographical review the reader will notice a portrait of Mr. Lewis and his estimable wife, on another page.

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**A**VEN JOHNSON, proprietor of one of the fine farms for which Clay county is noted, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, and one of the men in whose coming to this country all who honor industry and good citizenship can rejoice. His life has been marked throughout by faithful and persistent efforts

to advance his own interests, and he has been rewarded by the acquisition of a good property and a high reputation.

The eyes of Mr. Johnson opened to the light of day April 1, 1850. During his boyhood he studied in the common schools, and, being studious and apt, he acquired a practical understanding of the subjects taught. He began to till the soil when quite young, and when he was eighteen years of age he determined to seek his fortune in the land across the sea, of whose opportunities he had heard glowing accounts. On landing in America he located in Dakota territory, and in 1873 took the most important step in his career, the event being his marriage to Miss Annie Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was born in Manitowoc county, Wis., April 14, 1854, and after her marriage to our subject, the young people took up their domestic life on the farm, where they have ever since resided. The tract consists of 160 acres of good, fertile land, which has been embellished with every needful building for carrying on the farm work, and is, all in all, a valuable piece of property. He devotes his time and attention wholly to farming, and has by close application to work and industrious habits gathered quite a competence together for a rainy day.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been blessed by the birth of seven living children, namely: Anna M., the wife of Hans Lund; Emma, Josephine, Gilbert, Joel, Elma, and Edna.

**H**ON. W. E. EGE, Turner county's representative in the legislature, and police magistrate of the town of Centerville, where his home is located, is a son of W. S. and Eliza J.

(Thomas) Ege, whose biography will be found on another page of this record. Of the two children born to this worthy couple our subject was the eldest and only son, and first opened his eyes to the light in Columbia county, Wis., February 23, 1862. He was reared in the Badger state until ten years of age, attending his first and only school in his native place, and in 1872 came with his parents to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. They settled on a farm in Brooklyn township until 1876 and then removed to Centerville (old town) whither our subject accompanied them. He continued to reside under the parental roof until 1880, when he took a most important step in his career, this event being his marriage to Miss Kittie Stoner, a native of Freeport, Ill., and a daughter of Samuel Stoner, now of Lincoln county.

After the ceremony Mr. Ege and his bride settled on a farm in Brooklyn township, Lincoln county, which he operated for two years, and then returned to Centerville to engage in the general merchandise business with his father. This partnership continued for some time, and then our subject sold out and established a store of his own, but in 1894 he disposed of this also and has since given his time and attention to looking after his general affairs. He owns considerable valuable property in Centerville, from the rent of which he derives a handsome income.

During his residence of twenty years in Centerville he has made many strong friendships and is widely and favorably known throughout this region, his probity and integrity giving him a high place among the best citizens. He is a strong Republican, ably supporting the candidates of that party by both voice and vote, and in 1894 was himself the nominee of that party for the

legislature for Turner county. To this responsible position he was subsequently elected, and has discharged the duties pertaining thereto in a very satisfactory manner.

To Mr. Ege and his estimable wife have been born four children, three sons and one daughter, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Ernest, William, Robert and Emma. Mr. Ege is highly regarded by his fellow men, and the members of his family receive their due share of the respect and good will of the community. Socially he is a member of the M. W. of A., Vermillion camp No. 1145, Knights of Pythias, and also the I. O. O. F.

**J**OHN L. ROBINSON has been a member of the farming community of Lincoln county for more than a quarter of a century, and during that time Dayton township, where his agricultural interests are situated, has been benefited by his skill and intelligent labors as a general farmer. He came to his present location in 1870, and has since enjoyed the advantages accorded to a wide-awake farmer by the rich soil, fine climate, and other attractions. His 160 acres have been placed under the best of cultivation and have been subjected to many improvements, which have greatly increased the value since it came into his possession. The buildings are comfortable and well arranged, and the farm has all the facilities needed for carrying on agriculture profitably.

Mr. Robinson is a son of Hugh and Margaret (McMillen) Robinson, and was born in Buffalo, N. Y., August 3, 1845. When he was but four years old his parents removed to Sheboygan county, Wis., and

there three years later his father was drowned in Lake Michigan. John was but seven years old at this time, but he manfully set to work to help in the support of the family, and was his mother's mainstay until he was seventeen years of age, at which time he enlisted in the defense of the national honor. He was mustered in August 21, 1862, in company B, Twenty-seventh Wisconsin regiment, infantry, with which he served for about four months, and was then transferred to the Thirteenth United States infantry, in which regiment he passed the remaining time of his enlistment, until December 12, 1865—over three years. Mr. Robinson was a participant in many of the famous battles of the war, among them being that of Vicksburg, Champion Hills, Jackson (Miss.), Collinsville, and Missionary Ridge, besides numerous skirmishes and engagements. He served long, faithfully and true that the Union might be preserved, and when discharged returned immediately to Sheboygan, Wis. He found employment in the lumber business for some five years previous to coming to Dakota territory, at which time he took up 160 acres in section 17 of Dayton township, on which he has since been a resident. His mother was one of the earliest settlers of Canton and died in that city in February, 1896. Farming has been the exclusive business of our subject since coming to Dakota, in which he has succeeded very well and has already acquired a comfortable competence. He takes a keen interest in the welfare of his adopted township, and is never backward in lending a hand to push forward all plans devised for its improvement. He has made a good civic official as a member of the township board several terms, and was further honored by



his fellow-citizens by being elected to the position of treasurer of Dayton township in the spring of 1896.

The prosperous circumstances of our subject have no doubt been brought about in part by the help and encouragement in his work that he has received from his wife, to whom he was wedded in Fond du Lac, Wis., November 7, 1870, just a few weeks prior to his location in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. Mrs. Robinson's name in her maiden days was Miss Nancy Golden, and she was born in Hartford, Wis., May 4, 1850. The fruit of her marriage with our subject is three children, as follows: Edward H., Grace M. and Fred P.

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**D**ANIEL BERGREN, who is engaged in farming on section 10 of Garfield township, Clay county, has been a resident thereof since 1869, and is a representative old settler as well as one of the largest land owners.

He is a native of the kingdom of Sweden and was born June 5, 1843. His father was a farmer by occupation and on his farm our subject grew to maturity, receiving such education during his boyhood days as was afforded in the common schools. He remained a member of the parental household until he became of age, and a few years later, the early summer of 1868, emigrated to America alone, returning for his family later on. After landing in New York he immediately came west to Illinois, where he secured employment for several months with the C., B. & Q. railroad at grading, etc., in Fulton county, and later on hired out for a year to a farmer near Table Grove, Ill. In the fall of 1869 he came to Dakota and took

up a homestead of 160 acres in Garfield township, Clay county, on which he settled with his family, and this has ever since been his residence. His landed possessions now aggregate 1,100 acres, all lying in Clay county, and on this he is carrying on an extensive general farming business.

Mr. Bergren has been married twice, his first wife being Miss Bertha Olson, to whom he was married in Sweden in November, 1867. Eight children were born to this marriage, viz.: Tillie, now the wife of J. E. Johnson; Lee, Minnie, Silas O., deceased; Albert, Frans E., deceased; Hilda, deceased, and Oscar, deceased. Mrs. Bergren died in Garfield township, February 5, 1884, and our subject subsequently married his present wife, who was in maidenhood Miss Mary M. Westling. Mrs. Bergren was born in Sweden October 29, 1856, and by her marriage to our subject, which occurred in Clay county, December 19, 1885, has become the mother of two children, Henry Albin, and one child, Carl E., who died in infancy.

In the fall of 1895 Mr. Bergren was elected commissioner of Clay county on the Populist ticket, and he has also held the position of assessor for several years, besides serving in many of the minor offices of the township. He has taken quite an active part in public affairs.

In November, 1884, Mr. Bergren made a visit to his native country, returning in July the following year.

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**S**AMUEL ARTZ is contributing his share to the maintenance of the continued prosperity of Highland township, Lincoln county, as a fine agricultural center, by his work as a practi-

cal and progressive farmer. His home is situated in section 4, on a fine farm of 160 acres, well cultivated and improved.

Mr. Artz was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., March 29, 1846. His early life passed uneventfully. He was reared on a farm in his native county, attending the district schools of the neighborhood for an education, and devoting his time in the summer months to work on the farm. At length he arrived at the age of nineteen years, and then started west. He located in Shannon, Carroll Co., Ill., and lived there until he came to Dakota territory in the spring of 1883. He rented a farm for two years, and then settled on the property on which he now lives, having purchased it in the meantime. He has been engaged exclusively in general farming ever since, and has erected some substantial buildings on his property, together with other improvements, which go to make up a well-managed farm. In the pursuit of his business he has prospered, and deserves no little credit for his success.

Our subject has been twice married. The first helpmate that he won was Miss Susanna Beck, to whom he was married in Carroll county, Ill. She died from the effects of being severely burned May 7, 1884, and Mr. Artz subsequently led to the hymeneal altar Miss Minnie Boll, who was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, January 29, 1867, the ceremony uniting their lives taking place November 15, 1885.

**A** A. MARKHAM, mayor of Centerville, and dealer in lumber, building material and coal, was born in Otsego county, N. Y., October 16, 1844. His father, Luther Mark-

ham, and grandfather, Alden Markham, were natives of New York and Massachusetts respectively, and were both farmers by occupation. Alden was the maiden name of the wife of Alden Markham, and she was a direct descendant of John Alden, who came over in the Mayflower. Esther (Cook) Markham, the mother of our subject, was born in New York, and her father, William Cook, was also a native of the Empire state.

W. A. Markham was the eldest child of a family of four children born to the above couple, and was reared in his native county until 1860, when he accompanied his parents to Hamden county, Mass. In the latter place he remained and grew to maturity, making his home there until 1870 when he came west. His first location after crossing the Mississippi was in Storey county, Iowa, he engaging in the lumber business at Ames, and there he continued until his arrival in Centerville, Turner county, in 1883. He was one of the first settlers of the town and the first one to establish a lumber yard, and he is now manager of the J. H. Queal Lumber company's business at this place. To say that he is a man of good business ability would give a very inadequate idea of the thrift and enterprise which has characterized his business career, which has also been marked by sagacity and sound judgment. As the result of fair and honest dealing he has won the respect of all with whom he has come in contact, and the high esteem in which he is held is well merited.

Mr. Markham has been a Republican ever since he attained his majority, and has used his elective franchise in supporting candidates of that party. He served two years as treasurer of the city, has also been a member of the town board, and in 1895 was

elected to the responsible position of mayor of Centerville. The duties imposed upon him by the various public offices he has held have ever been discharged with marked ability, and his career as an upright, honorable citizen is without blot or blemish. Socially he is a member of the Centerville lodge, No. 96, I. O. O. F.

Our subject was happily married August 22, 1872, to Miss Emma McGee, a native of New York and a daughter of Joseph and Catherine McGee. Mrs. Markham is a lady of rare intelligence and goodness of heart, and she and her husband are leading a happy domestic life in a cosy home, the furnishings of which betoken the presence of refined womanhood.

**R**ICHARD TRYE, who is now a prominent, prosperous and well-to-do farmer of Prairie township, Union county, was a gallant soldier in the late war and did good service for his country. His estate consists of 400 acres, mostly cultivated land, and the place to-day ranks among the most comfortable and attractive in the vicinity. The various buildings, which are made necessary by the extent of the work carried on here, are conveniently disposed, and built with a view to their continuance, as well as convenience.

Mr. Trye is a native of the Old Bay state and a son of William and Elizabeth (Jackson) Trye, both of whom were born in England. They made a home for many years in Massachusetts and then removed to Whiteside county, Ill., where they passed from time to eternity. William Trye, by his first marriage, was the parent of one daughter, Mrs. Harriet Bonebrake, who lives

in Illinois, and by his marriage to Miss Jackson became the father of six children, five of whom are living, viz.: Richard, Mrs. Ann Root, Mrs. Jane Carleton, William and Robert. Our subject was born in Lowell, Mass., September 4, 1834. He was reared in his native state until he attained the age of eleven years and then accompanied his parents to Illinois. In Whiteside county, of the latter state, he was educated principally, attending the common schools during the winter and assisting on his father's farm in the summer.

In August, 1862, Mr. Trye became convinced that his duty lay on the field of battle and enlisted in company I, Seventy-fifth Illinois regiment, infantry, as a private. The regiment was transferred to Louisville, Ky., and joined the command of Gen. Buell. The famous engagements in which our subject participated include the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chattanooga, and every engagement in which his regiment took part, from the battle of Tunnel Hill to Peach Tree Creek. In the latter he was wounded in the right hand by a musket ball, and, as a consequence, was compelled to have the forefinger amputated. He remained in the field hospital for some time, was then transferred to Nashville, later to New Albany, Ind., and then to Springfield, Ill. He was discharged in June, 1865, after almost three years of faithful service in upholding the Nation's honor, having won an admirable military record as a courageous, fearless soldier, who did his duty on every occasion regardless of the consequences.

After the exciting and trying life he had led on southern battlefields our subject quietly resumed farming until 1871, when he came to Dakota territory, and settled in

Union county, where he now lives. He is a self-made man, having began life with nothing to speak of except his own indomitable will and energy. He has been a resident of the county all through the grasshopper plagues, and many hardships and privations during those early pioneer times fell to his lot. He has always done his duty as a man and citizen, and is highly thought of in the community where he makes his home. He attends strictly to his own business and is straightforward and manly in his dealings with others. His career as a soldier is commemorated by his connection with the Grand Army of the Republic as a member of the post at Beresford. Politically he is an ardent Democrat, and has served in the capacity of road supervisor and also director of his school district.

The wife of our subject has been an important factor, not only in his happiness but in his prosperity. Her maiden name was Belinda Beswick, and her wedded life with Mr. Trye began in 1860. They are the parents of two children, viz.: Frank and Minnie, the latter the wife of Bernard Hohf.

**C**HARLES LE MOGES. This name will at once be recognized by many of our readers, as it belongs to one of the earliest settlers of Union county. Mr. Le Moges has been identified with the history of this section as boy and man for thirty-five years, and may well be looked upon with grateful respect for the labors which he has performed in securing the present material prosperity and high standing in moral worth of the members of the community. His earliest recollections

are of the primitive condition of affairs in South Dakota, and even as a child he bore some share in the progressive labors going on around him.

The father and mother of our subject, Peter and Julia (Denin), Le Moges, were natives of Montreal, Canada, and New York state, respectively. They were among the early settlers of Dubuque county, Iowa, coming there in 1849, where Mr. Le Moges followed his trade of stonemason, in connection with which he also did a little farming. In 1862 they moved to Union county, Dak. Ter., and settled in Jefferson township; the village of Jefferson is now situated on a part of his original claim. He built a little log house for shelter for his wife and family, and then started to break up his land. He was one of the pioneer French settlers of the county, and made a permanent home in Jefferson township. He and his wife were devout Catholics in religious belief, and Mr. Le Moges donated the ground on which the church at Jefferson now stands, being among the original members of the church. Mr. Le Moges passed to his last resting place in March, 1882, and his wife survived him ten years, she dying in March, 1892. Their family are nine in number, of whom we note the following: Peter M. lives in Jefferson; Mrs. Julia Shea resides in Sioux Point; Mrs. Lucy Bruyer makes her home near Vermillion; Joseph is deceased; Charles is the subject of this short history; Louis lives in Jefferson; Mrs. Adeline Luxinger lives in Calliope; Mr. Joseph La Brune in Jefferson; and Louise is deceased.

Charles Le Moges was born in the state of New York, February 28, 1849, and was but a baby when his parents removed to

Iowa. At the age of twelve he came to Dakota territory, and has since made his home in the vicinity where he now resides. His book education was acquired in the schools of Jefferson, and in the summer he gained valuable knowledge in the agriculture line by assisting his father in the cultivation of his farm. He passed through many hardships and privations as one of the early pioneers. When he was a boy he was with his father and a party of other settlers on the Sioux river and saw the Indians kill Mr. Lamore at Richland.

Mr. Le Moges was a member of the parental household until twenty-four years of age, when he started for himself. He took up as a homestead the farm whereon he now resides, in 1872, and then in 1873 took a most important step in his career. He was married to Miss Lizzie Peltier, a native of St. Louis and a daughter of Germain Peltier, now deceased, who was employed by the American Fur company. With his bride, a yoke of oxen and an old wagon Mr. Le Moges began his domestic career on the claim. It was all wild land then and unimproved, but our subject knew how to make it produce, having helped his father in breaking his land, and it wasn't long before he had it under a good state of cultivation. He is the present owner of 160 acres of as good property as can be found in the township. Politically he affiliates with no particular party, although he was formerly a Democrat. His vote is now cast for the best man, and he takes an active interest in getting the best men as candidates for the various local offices. He has been a director of the school board, and has served as treasurer and also clerk of his school district. Socially he is a member of the Beresford lodge, K. of P.

Mr. and Mrs. Le Moges are the happy parents of four children, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Charles Edward, Clara, Mary and Lulu. The family are all members of the Catholic church of Beresford, and devout in their religious belief. Mr. Le Moges' character is above reproach, and his personal attributes command at once the respect and affection of the community where so many years of his life have been passed.

**A** A. ELLIS, the well-known and popular manager of J. H. Queal & Company's lumber yard at Centerville, Turner county, is a native of Putnam county, Ill., and a son of Peter Ellis, who was born in Pennsylvania. The latter was a son of William Ellis, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to this country when he was quite young and settled in the Keystone state. Peter Ellis was reared in Huntingdon county, Pa., until he had attained the age of eighteen years, having followed the occupation of farmer, and then went to Cincinnati, Ohio, to learn the brick-making business. This trade he followed for a period of six years, then went to Putnam county, Ill., where he entered government land, removing to Bureau county, of the same state, two years later. In 1853 he located in Dallas county, Iowa, and there passed to his reward beyond the grave, at the advanced age of seventy-five years. Mrs. Ellis, the mother of our subject, was formerly Miss Eurana Skeel, who was born in New York state and reared to womanhood there. Her parents were also natives of the Empire state and pioneers of Putnam county, Ill., settling there in 1830. Mrs.

Skcel passed away when but thirty-four years of age.

Of the family of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, the subject of this brief life history was the third, and first opened his eyes to the light December 11, 1832. When he was two years old his parents took him with them to Bureau county, Ill., and there he grew to maturity, attending the district schools and assisting his father in the cultivation of the farm. The year he attained his majority his parents removed to Iowa, and he accompanied them there and continued to make his home under the parental roof until he was married. Mr. Ellis made his appearance in Turner county, Dak. Ter., September 1, 1871, and took up a government claim about four miles north of the present site of Centerville. This property he improved and lived on until 1883, when, the town of Centerville having been located, he removed thither and opened up a furniture store. For three years he continued in this business, and then sold out and engaged in the carpenter trade, which he followed until 1890, that year accepting the position he now holds with the J. H. Queal Lumber company.

Mr. Ellis' first marriage was celebrated in 1856 when he was united in wedlock to Miss Mary Wilson, a native of Indiana, and a daughter of John and Lydia Wilson, an old Quaker family. By this union our subject became the father of two children, Louisa, the wife of Alonzo Shepherd, of Oregon, and Ora W. who died when seventeen years of age. By his next wife, who was Mrs. Susan Gould, the widow of Hiram Gould, and a native of Monroe county, Pa., Mr. Ellis became the parent of one son, Elmer, who died in this state, his remains

being the first interred in the Mt. Zion cemetery in Delaware township, Lincoln county. The lady who at present presides over the household affairs of Mr. Ellis became his wife October 8, 1891. She was formerly Mrs. Abbie H. Dingman, of Sac City, Iowa, and the widow of Charles R. Dingman, a soldier in the war of the rebellion.

Mr. Ellis is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which denomination he has been identified for over thirty years, having served in various official capacities therein during that time—steward, trustee, class-leader, etc. Politically he is a Republican, strongly supporting the candidates of that party by both voice and vote. He served as constable six years of his residence in Iowa, but since living in Turner county he has not been a seeker after office, preferring to give his time and attention to his own personal affairs. He is also well known throughout the county as an auctioneer of ability, having sold about \$150,000 worth of property in this way during the past twenty years.

EDWARD S. TUTTLE, the subject of this sketch, is living on a fine farm of 160 acres on section 29, of Dayton township, Lincoln county.

The broad fields are under admirable tillage, and its well-ordered and neatly appointed farm buildings make it one of the most attractive places in this locality. Our subject is a son of Myron and Calista (Thomas) Tuttle, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. They removed from the Keystone state to Grant county, Wis., where Mr. Tuttle died, his good wife passing away in Dunn county, of the same state. Edward

was born in Susquehanna county, Pa., November 1, 1836, and had attained the age of nine years when his parents removed to Wisconsin. His father was engaged in lumbering and farming, and when our subject was sixteen years old he began assisting his paternal parent in the woods, working at this occupation for several years. In the spring of 1880 he made his appearance in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and purchased the 160 acres in Dayton township, on which he now lives. The improvements made and the numerous trees with which the property abounds, are all the result of his labor, and since coming to Dakota he has devoted his entire attention to farming. He is essentially a self-made man, having started in life with but limited means, and achieving success by his ambitious and persistent efforts to overcome every obstacle that lay in his pathway. Possessing many fine traits of character, and always genial and obliging in his intercourse with others, he is held in high estimation throughout the community. He is now serving as clerk of school district No. 18, in which he resides, and has held this position since 1881.

Mr. Tuttle was united in marriage at Menomonie, Dunn county, Wis., to Miss Alice Tripp, the ceremony taking place October 2, 1872. Mrs. Tuttle is a native of Ingersollville, Canada, but was reared in Illinois and Wisconsin, her parents removing to the United States when she was quite young. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle are the parents of two children, only one of whom is living—Charles D. Maurice E. died August 20, 1894, aged sixteen years.

Last, but not least, in this personal history, it is our duty to mention the fact that Mr. Tuttle bore an honorable part in the re-

cent struggle known as the Civil war. He served for sixteen months as a member of company B, Fiftieth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, the time of his enlistment being February, 1865, and was detailed to service on the frontier guarding against southern emissaries who were sent to excite the Indians into hostility. He was honorably discharged June 12, 1866.

FRANKLIN E. PAGE, one of the intelligent men engaged in the pursuit of agriculture in Alcester township, arrived at his present location July 3, 1871, taking up 160 acres of government land. He hauled logs from Rock river, and with them built a cabin, after living in a wagon with his family as long as he could. Into this primitive house he moved his family and began the task of breaking up his land. He was one of the first settlers in the locality of his present home.

The subject of this sketch first saw the light in Allegany county, N. Y., July 30, 1835. He passed his early life till he was ten or twelve years of age in his native county, at which time his father and mother, David and Tryphosa Page, removed to the town of Waterford, Racine Co., Wis., where they were pioneers, that locality being but sparsely settled then. They had a farm there, and Franklin and his father for several years worked eight or ten yoke of cattle breaking up the raw prairie and getting it under cultivation. Franklin removed in 1857 to Richland county, on the line of Sauk county, and two years later was followed by his parents, and the family remained there till 1871, the date of our subject's location in Union county, Dak. Ter.



Mr. Page's father died in Wisconsin, but his mother is yet living, aged eighty-five years, and resides in Waterford, Wis. October 5, 1859, Franklin E. Page was united in marriage with Miss Melvina Hoskins, in Richland county, Wis., the result of this union being three children, viz.: Charles E., John G. and Franklin W., all living. Mrs. Page is a daughter of Peter and Lucinda (Newberry) Hoskins, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter born in New York, who settled originally in Huron county, Ohio, from where they came to Dane county, Wis., settling there when Wisconsin was yet a territory. They subsequently went to Richland county, Wis., and then moved to Union county, Dak. Ter., settling on a homestead in Alcester township, where they lived till 1883, at which time they moved to the city of Calliope, Iowa, where Mr. Hoskins died, February 22, 1893, aged seventy-nine years. Mrs. Hoskins is yet living in Calliope and is seventy-nine years old. They were the parents of four children: John G. was a soldier in the Sixth Wisconsin battery, enlisting in 1861 and serving till his death, at Corinth, Miss., in 1862, aged nineteen years six months; Cynthia Ann, lives in Calliope; Julia A. Reed, deceased, and Mrs. Melvina Page, wife of the subject of this biography.

**C**HRISTIAN CHRISTIANSON is the name borne by a prominent citizen of Garfield township, Clay county, whose life and labors here extend over a period of more than a quarter of a century. He was born in Denmark, February 14, 1859, and is a son of the late Christian Christianson and Anna C. (Nelson) Christianson. This couple in the spring of

1870 emigrated from their native country with their family to America, came direct to Dakota territory, and located on a quarter section in Garfield township, Clay county, the old homestead now being a part of our subject's present estate. Mrs. Christianson died April 22, 1889, and her husband passed away March 21, 1896, at the age of eighty years. Mrs. Christianson was seventy-two years old at the time of her demise and the mother of six children, of whom we note the following: Mary, the wife of Eric Anderson; Christina, now Mrs. Nels Larson; Rasmus; Martha, married Hans Rasmussen; Sena, now Mrs. Claus Madson; and Christian, the subject of this short biography.

Christian Christianson was about eleven years old when he accompanied his parents to America, and he grew to manhood on his father's farm in Garfield township, attending the district schools for an education and passing his minority much in the manner of farmer lads of that time. He now owns the old homestead besides another 160 acres adjoining, and has also property interests in the city of Vermillion. His home farm he has adorned by erecting many substantial buildings, good fences, which are kept in thorough repair, and many other valuable improvements.

The subject of this sketch and Miss Mary C. Schacht were happily wedded in Garfield township, May 13, 1884, and to this union has come a family of four bright little girls—Emma C., Alma, Ella L. and Cora H. Mrs. Christianson was born in Denmark, October 11, 1866, and is a daughter of Frederick and Anna C. (Larson) Schacht. The former died in Germany but his wife came to America subsequently, and still resides in Garfield township.



Mr. Christianson has held nearly all the offices of the township within the gift of his fellow citizens, and for several years has been chairman of the town board. In the fall of 1892 he was a candidate for the legislature on the Populist ticket, and in the fall of 1896 ran for state senator on the same ticket, but both times was defeated by a small majority by his Republican opponent. He takes an active part in the public life of the community and is a prominent church worker, holding membership with his wife in the St. Paul Lutheran church. Socially he is connected with the M. W. of A.

**M**N. HUNTLEY. Among the many men who find profit in tilling a portion of the soil of Turner county, is the gentleman above named, who owns and occupies a good farm in section 23 of Marion township. He was the sixth child of a family of two sons and five daughters, and was born in Boston, Mass., March 4, 1847. Martin Huntley, the grandfather of our subject, was the son of a Revolutionary war soldier, and a native of New Hampshire, and his son, Russell Huntley, the father of our subject, was also born in the Granite state. Russell Huntley was a carpenter by trade and followed this occupation in Boston and Lynn, Mass. In 1861 he removed with his family to Dodge county, Minn., and in 1877 located in Turner county, Dak. Ter., where he died at the age of sixty-nine years. Mrs. Huntley bore the maiden name of Miss Amy Huntley, and was a cousin of the gentleman who became her husband, on her father's side. Her mother's surname was Rodgers and a de-

scendant of the celebrated Cotton Mather family. She died in her seventy-second year.

M. N. Huntley was about five years of age when he accompanied his parents to Lynn, Mass, and fourteen years old when he came to Minnesota. While living in the latter state the Civil war broke out, and in the spring of 1863, he enlisted as a private in company K, Second Minnesota regiment, cavalry, and served until the close of hostilities. During the entire term of his service the regiment was stationed in the northwest on the frontier, guarding against the Indians. After the war was over he returned to Dodge county, Minn, for a couple years and then went back to Lynn, Mass., where he learned the carpenter's trade and followed this occupation in Boston, New York, Newport and Fitchburg, until the spring of 1875, when he again came west. For a while he worked at his trade in St. Paul, and in the fall of that year arrived in Turner county, Dak. Ter., and located the farm where he now makes his home. The winter months following he spent in his old home in Dodge county, Minn., and then returned in the spring to his claim in Dakota territory. Shortly after he accepted a position with the C., M. & St. P. railroad, and for eight years was engaged by them in building depots, coal houses, and erecting tanks and wind-mills, and then he spent a year with headquarters at Wichita, Kans., putting up electric lights in that state. Since then, however, he has been devoting his attention to his farm work, and is now the owner of 480 broad and fertile acres of land, on which he is doing a thriving general farming business.

Mr. Huntley has been married, twice,

his first wife being Miss Nettie Stoel, to whom he was wedded in 1876, in Dodge county, Minn. His second wife, to whom he was united in wedlock in 1883, bore the maiden name of Lillie Lyons, a native of Wisconsin, and to this union has been born a family of two children, viz.: Amy and Eva C. For many years Mr. Huntley has cast his vote with the Republicans, and is now serving his fellow-townsmen as clerk of Marion township. He is an excellent citizen, thoroughly reliable and law-abiding, and with his wife and family has many friends. Socially, he holds membership in the Masonic fraternity.

**D**R. R. FINLAY, who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Turner county and the surrounding territory, and who makes his headquarters at Centerville, is a native of Canada, and was born January 14, 1845, in Markham township, York Co., Province of Ontario. His father, Richard Finlay, was born in the North of Ireland, and was a farmer by occupation, which business he followed after coming to America. Mrs. Finlay, the mother of our subject, bore the maiden name of Miss Mary Stewart and was a native of Scotland. She died in 1880 her husband having preceded her many years, dying in Toronto in 1854.

Of the family of two sons and four daughters born to this worthy couple our subject was the youngest. He attended the log school house of his neighborhood and then the schools in Toronto, and was fifteen years of age when he first began to study of medicine. He first read medical books

under Dr. Bowin, of Mitchel, Ontario, and in 1880 graduated from the Ohio Medical college after completing a four years' course. After finishing his studies he located in Michigan, but only for a short time, however, as in 1882 he came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and established himself in old Centerville, there being at that time but five families in the village. Upon the location of the present site of Centerville he was the first physician to take up his residence in the town, and he has ever since been in constant practice, making Centerville his headquarters, as stated above. He is widely known throughout Lincoln, Union, Clay, Yankton and Turner counties, as a physician of marked ability, and enjoys a valuable and ever increasing patronage. He has striven to improve upon his early methods, as every physician must who would keep pace with the new discoveries in medical science, and profit by his own experience and observation. His studies did not cease with the beginning of his practice, but have continued year by year, and this is no doubt one of the reasons why he occupies the prominent place he does in the minds of the people.

Dr. Finlay was united in marriage June 30, 1885, to Miss Grace M. Hatch, a native of Massachusetts and a daughter of John and Abbie Hatch, and to this congenial union two children were born: William A., who resides with his father, and Mabel L., deceased. Mrs. Finlay passed to the world beyond after five years of happy married life, and Dr. Finlay has never remarried.

The Doctor is examining physician for several insurance companies, also one of the board of United States pension examiners, and belongs to the following secret orders:

Masonic fraternity, I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., and R. T. of J. Politically he is a strong Republican.

**P**AUL BANKSON. This gentleman is one of the substantial farmers of Dayton township, Lincoln county, and is deserving of great credit for the manner in which he has spent his mature years, working so industriously and honestly that he has secured quite a fortune. He inherits those sterling traits which characterize the descendants of Sweden, his native country, and in the occupations in which he has been engaged has displayed the same energy and determination that have made many of his countrymen valued citizens of the great United States.

Mr. Bankson was born July 14, 1841, and passed his boyhood and youth up to fifteen years on his father's farm, striking out at that early age to make his own living. He hired out by the year for six years at farm labor and then learned the trade of cabinet making and carpentering, and also that of millwright, and at these various occupations he was employed in his mother country until he was twenty-nine years of age, with the exception of three months, which time he spent on the sea as a sailor. In June, 1870, our subject left Sweden for America and went direct to Fremont county, Iowa, where he worked at his trade the following fall and winter. In the summer of 1871 he arrived in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and followed his vocation in the employ of Mr. E. B. Petterson for four months. At the expiration of this time he entered his farm on section 1 of Dayton township, but did not settle on it immediately, as he found

more remuneration in working at his trade, and therefore rented the property until he took the most important step in his life. This occurred March 28, 1876, when he led to the hymeneal altar Miss Mary Fee, a daughter of Mr. James Fee, whose biography will be found in another part of this volume. He and his bride then settled on the farm and he has since made that his home, with the exception of one year which he spent in California for his health.

Mr. Bankson is a hard working, industrious man, and is meeting with fair success in his business as a farmer. His farm, which now comprises 223 acres, is pleasantly situated, and he has greatly increased its value since it came into his possession by the improvements he has placed upon it and by tilling its fields after the best methods. He has erected some good, substantial buildings, and has a nice, comfortable home in which he and his family reside.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bankson have come nine children and the following is a record of their names: John E., James B., George W., Frank O., Emma J., Paul A., Helen M., Phoebe M. and Elsie F. Mr. Bankson is a member of the board of school directors of his district and belongs to the Lutheran Mission church.

**H**J. BEMELMAN. This gentleman is one of the younger members of the farming community of Marion township, and is also one of the early settlers of Turner county, having been a resident thereof since 1878.

The father of our subject, Louis Bemelman, whose biography will be found on another page of this work, was a native of

Germany and emigrated to America when a young man. He was a shoemaker by trade and followed this occupation in Kane county, Ill., where he located after arriving in America, until he was married to Miss Caroline Knack, also a native of Germany. After the ceremony the young couple settled in the Prairie state until 1869; then they removed to Minnesota and made their home there until 1878, when they came to Turner county, Dak. Ter. Mr. Bemelman entered a homestead in what is now Monroe township, and there he passed from time to eternity, aged fifty-two years and eleven months. Mrs. Bemelman still survives at an advanced age, and makes her home at the old place.

H. J. Bemelman was the second child in order of their birth of a family of four children born to this worthy couple, and first saw the light in Illinois, March 12, 1862. He was seven years of age when his parents removed to Minnesota, and when they located in Turner county, Dak. Ter., he accompanied them thither. Under the parental roof he made his home until he was married, December 16, 1891, to Miss Maggie Koop, a native of South Russia, and then he and his bride settled on a farm in Brothersfield township, Turner Co. They remained there one winter, and then our subject bought the farm on which he now makes his home. The estate consists of 160 acres, which are pleasantly located, and for several years have been under careful tillage. Coming here in pioneer times, he has proved an invaluable citizen, prominent in the work of improving the county, and has done as much as any other man to place the community upon a solid basis of enduring prosperity. He is a staunch supporter of

Republican doctrines, and is now serving as treasurer of his school district. His record is an honorable one, and he enjoys the respect and esteem of the entire community.

Mrs. Bemelman was a woman of rare charity and goodness of heart, a devoted wife and tender mother, and her death, which occurred September 29, 1896, was a severe blow to her household. The happy wedded life of our subject and his amiable wife was blessed to them by the birth of three children, Walter H., Viola G. and Louis J., the latter having passed from time to eternity November 7, 1896, aged one year eleven months and one day.

**M**ICHAEL D. HARRIS, one of the good farmers and business men of Fairview township, Lincoln county, owns and occupies a fertile tract of land whereon a sufficient number of well-constructed buildings may be found, such as are necessary and convenient in carrying on the work of the estate. The farm consists of 350 acres of the fine land so conspicuous in South Dakota, and has been so well developed by the use of approved methods of cultivation and fertilization that it stands above par in productiveness.

Our subject is a son of Amos J. and Lydia J. (Doty) Harris, who were residing in Johnson county, Ind., when Michael D. was born. They then removed to Story county, Iowa, and settled near Nevada, making their home there for a period of ten years, and then locating in Monona county of the same state. Mrs. Harris died in Story county, and Mr. Harris later removed to Fairview township, Lincoln county,





JOHN SCHROEDER

where he also passed away at the age of sixty-two years.

Michael D. Harris was born June 10, 1854, and was but six months old when his parents located in Story county, Iowa. He was a member of the parental household until fourteen years of age, and that early in life started out to make his own way in the world. He secured employment working on farms by the month until he was married to Miss Rosetta Crawford, which important event in his life occurred in Story county, Iowa, March 29, 1875, the bride being a native of Ohio. The young couple started their voyage in life as man and wife on a farm in Iowa, which Mr. Harris rented, and for three years he continued to cultivate that farm. At the expiration of that time he came to Dakota territory, settling first in Eden township, Lincoln county, with his family, and then, after a residence there of five years, located in Highland township, where he continued to make his home up to 1893, that year settling on his present farm. Mr. Harris has made many improvements upon his farm, and the well-tilled fields yield to him a golden tribute for his care and attention in cultivating.

Mr. Harris platted and started the town of Fairview, it being located on his land, and was also engaged in the general merchandise business there for some time. He built and fitted up the Fairview mill, put in the machinery, etc., and operated it for two years; and he was also instrumental in starting the Fairview creamery, which he now owns. In connection with his farming interests Mr. Harris feeds considerable live stock, and has on hand at present about two car-loads of cattle. He possesses good business ability, is energetic and enterprising, and

ranks among the valued citizens of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris' household is completed by seven children, on whom have been bestowed the following names, viz.: Allen R., Minnie E., Harvey W., Ollie M., Leland N., Nina and Sylvia M. Three children of their family of ten died in infancy. Both Mr. Harris and his wife are earnest Christians and members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**J**OHN SCHROEDER. This name is borne by a prominent citizen of Dalton township, Turner county, who has spent the last fifteen years of his life on the farm whereon he now resides. During this time he has been found standing on the side of truth and justice, and manifesting much interest in his business affairs, and his connection with the advance of civilization. He is engaged in general stock-raising and is well-versed in the peculiarities of various breeds of domestic animals, and, therefore, well able to care for them.

Our subject was born in Prussia, Germany, August 28 1835, and grew to sturdy manhood in his native place, attending school until he was seventeen years of age. He served three years as an apprentice at the carpenter's trade, and after becoming proficient, went to the large cities—Hamburg, Berlin, and Vienna, Austria—to work, and in 1871 started for America. He landed in New York city, February 19th, and from there went to Utica, where he found employment for eight months at his trade, leaving there to go to Detroit. In 1874 Mr. Schroeder arrived in Dakota territory and

located at Yankton. The town had but recently been started, and he readily found employment as carpenter and builder, which occupation he followed for five years. May 20, 1879, he entered as a homestead 160 acres in section 10, of Dolton township, Turner county, on which he erected a 10 x 12 foot shanty, and then bought another quarter section in section 11; this constitutes his present estate. In connection with his agricultural pursuits Mr. Schroeder has also engaged quite extensively since locating on his farm in contracting and building. He built the first dwelling in Freeman, Hutchinson Co., S: Dak., also the first school-house in the same county, and has since erected as many as sixty-two good buildings there, besides the school-house, churches and bank. Turner county has also many monuments of his skill in the shape of twelve school-houses, four churches and various other structures, and his own property has been embellished with every building which will add to the comfort and convenience of the occupants.

The marriage of Mr. Schroeder and Miss Sarah Tihart, who was born in West Prussia, Germany, was celebrated August 28, 1862, and six children have come to bless their happy married life, five of whom survive. Mary is the wife of Henry Smith, and now resides in northwestern Canada; William farms in Rosefield township; Leonard, Paulina and John T., are at home; and Jacob, is deceased. Both himself and wife belong to the Mennonite church, and have high standing in that religious society, Mr. Schroeder being the choirmaster. He has been director in the school board for eight years, three years was chairman of that body, and has served as road overseer for

ten years. Politically he affiliates with the Republicans, stanchly supporting that party's doctrines, and he is esteemed by his fellow-citizens in general as his intelligence, fine character and general usefulness merits.

**J**AMES KEEN. Perhaps no better type of the best agricultural class can be found in Lincoln county than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is quite an old settler here, having made his entrance into the county in 1869, and during all the years that have passed since that event has gained the commendation of his acquaintances by his uprightness of life, wise habits and intelligence. His home is in section 34 of Fairview township, and on his estate many improvements have been made, such as fit it for the dwelling place of an intelligent and refined family.

The father of our subject was the late James Keen, who was born in Buckinghamshire, England, January 27, 1811. This gentleman came to America in 1843, and after spending a few months in Illinois removed to and settled in Green county, Wis. His estimable wife, who bore the maiden name of Miss Hannah Sperry, was born in Warren county, Ohio, in February, 1827, and by their union they became the parents of nine children, seven sons and two daughters. One child died in infancy, and the others grew to maturity. Mr. Keen died in Monroe county, Wis., August 20, 1890; his wife still survives.

James Keen, the subject of this sketch, is a native of the Badger state, and was born in Green county, November 9, 1847. His father was a farmer by occupation and James grew to maturity on the home farm, glean-



ing a practical insight into the rudimentary branches of learning in the public schools. He remained a member of the parental household until the fall of 1869, when he started for Dakota territory, arrived at his destination and took up a claim of 160 acres in section 27 of Fairview township, on which land he settled in the spring of 1870. This farm he improved and lived on for two years and then settled on the property on which he now lives, having filed on it as a homestead in 1872. Mr. Keen is essentially a self-made man, having started out in the battle of life empty-handed as far as this world's goods and chattels are concerned, but possessing an indomitable will and inexhaustible fund of energy and perseverance. By the exercise of sound and mature judgment he has succeeded in his undertakings, gradually gathering together without scattering, and from time to time he was enabled to add to his original landed possessions, and is now the fortunate owner of 400 acres of land in Hutchinson county, besides the home farm of 820 broad and fertile acres. Besides his farming operations as a tiller of the soil he is also extensively engaged in stock raising, and has a herd of about 275 cattle, 400 sheep, and 125 head of hogs. In fact he has made stock raising a specialty, and has erected good, solid and substantial buildings for the purpose. The property is neatly fenced and sub-divided, and among the many adornments may be seen a thrifty orchard and numerous shade trees all of which have been set out by Mr. Keen.

The lady who so ably presides over the household affairs of our subject became his wife in Hudson, Lincoln county, March 6, 1884. Her maiden name was Miss Amanda S. Anderson, and she is a native of Sweden,

born January 12, 1864. They have a family of three children, all girls, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Hannah L., Mabel, and Jennie L. One son died in infancy.

Mr. Keen has held various important local offices, and in each has manifested a zeal for the public welfare, and a degree of good judgment highly commendable. He uses his elective franchise in supporting the principles of the Republican party, and has twice been chosen a delegate from his county to state conventions of the party; he was also a member of the South Dakota delegation to the national Republican convention at St. Louis which nominated Hon. William McKinley for president. Mr. Keen has also taken an active interest in educational, church and temperance matters. He joined the Methodist Episcopal church when eighteen years of age, and is now a trustee of the churches of that denomination at both Hudson and Fairview. Socially he is a member of Jephtha lodge No. 121, F. & A. M., at Hudson. Taking him all in all he is one of the most prominent men in the community; his long residence here has given him an extended acquaintance, and his name is a synonym for honesty and upright character.

**A** LLEN SPENCER is the proprietor of the Lincoln County Roller mills at Fairview, and is meeting with the success which he merits, turning out from his establishment products of excellent quality, such as have won a good reputation. Mr. Spencer is one of those men who win success where others would fail, and seem bound to prosper in whatever calling they engage. A casual observer

might well conclude that such men are born to good luck, but to one more thoughtful their lives afford conclusive evidence that they study means and methods, wisely forecast the influence of certain policies and lay their plans accordingly.

Our subject was born in New York April 4, 1832, and when he was about two years old his parents removed to Ohio and thence to Michigan, settling in St. Joseph county, of the latter state in 1836 on a farm. Allen secured a common-school education which, while not so thorough and exhaustive as that afforded the youth of to-day, was sufficient for all practical purposes, and this knowledge he supplemented by close observation of occurrences during his daily life. His was the lot which usually falls to a farmer lad's life, and for twenty-three years was a member of the parental household, assisting his father in the cultivation of the farm. In May, 1855, he went to Blackhawk county, Iowa, and there bought a tract of government land, on which he settled and lived until coming to Dakota territory, which was in 1874. That year he located in Fairview township and engaged in farming and milling, and these occupations he has carried on ever since. Besides his milling business he owns 800 acres of land in Spink county, S. Dak., on which have been raised some splendid crops.

The cherished companion of Mr. Spencer was born in New York, and in her maidenhood was known as Miss Olive T. Smith. She was reared to womanhood in St. Joseph county, Mich., and there the ceremony uniting her life with that of our subject was performed. They have no children of their own, but have reared from infancy a boy, Clarence E., whom they adopted.

Mr. Spencer's career has been alike honorable to himself and to all who have had dealings with him, and he is justly regarded as one of Fairview township's most desirable citizens.

**S**OLOMON ANDERSON is an industrious man and a good citizen of Garfield township, Clay county, where he occupies an honorable position among its farmers and stock raisers. He was born in the kingdom of Sweden, June 22, 1841, and there grew to manhood. His education was limited to the information imparted in the common schools of the district wherein he resided, and he was bred to the life of a farmer on his father's estate. Until 1870 he continued to assist his parent in the cultivation of the farm, and then, at the age of twenty-nine years, started for America. He landed at New York city the latter part of July and came directly west to Omaha, Neb. There he remained but a short time, however—three weeks in all—and then started for Dakota territory in search of a farm. After looking around a little he decided on a claim in Glenwood township, Clay county, which he accordingly filed on and there made his home for the following five years, at the expiration of which time he purchased the farm whereon he now lives, in Garfield township. His entire estate consists of 800 broad and fertile acres located in Union and Clay counties, and on this he is doing an extensive general farming business.

Our subject married, January 23, 1876, Miss Margaret Erickson, who is also a native of Sweden, born December 9, 1854, and to this happy union have come three

children, viz.: Andrew, Emma and Edward. Their home is one of coziness, ably presided over by Mrs. Anderson, who is a capable housewife and a true helpmate in every sense of the word.

Mr. Anderson is universally popular, and during his life in Dakota territory he has made many friends, by whom he is greatly respected and esteemed for his many excellent traits of character. Politically, he was a Republican for many years, but is now a People's party man.

**H**ON. ALBERT N. APLAND, who farms a tract of 680 acres in Turner township, Turner county, after the most approved methods, is not only a practical agriculturist, but also one of the prominent and influential citizens of the community where he makes his home. He was born June 14, 1852, in Norway, and there passed his childhood until twelve years of age, coming with his parents at that time to America. His was the lot of a farmer lad, his father being a follower of that occupation in Polk county, Iowa, where the family located on arriving in this country, and in the common schools of the neighborhood he gleaned such education as was afforded. He grew up a sturdy young man in the Hawkeye state, and remained a member of the parental household until 1874, in May of that year coming to Dakota territory. The following month he decided on locating permanently in Turner county, and accordingly settled on the property which now constitutes his farm in Turner township. His place shows the thrift and enterprise of its owner in many ways, such as well-kept fences which enclose and sub-

divide the land, spacious and substantial barns and outbuildings, and various other improvements which tend to enhance its value, both as a home as well as from a financial point of view.

Mr. Apland was united in marriage in Turner county May 3, 1880, to Miss Chloe Pott, who was born in Holland, October 13, 1862, and to them have been born nine children, viz.: Nels, Mabel, Minnie, Lillie, Ralph, Bertha, John and Charley. One child died in infancy.

Mr. Apland takes an intelligent interest in the affairs of the community, has been school treasurer and also a member of the town board, and in the fall of 1892 was elected to the state legislature, in which body he served one term. His personal characteristics are such as to win upon those who meet him, and many are the friends who rejoice in his prosperity. Politically, he votes the Republican ticket, and he and his good wife are members of the Lutheran church.

**A**W. APPLEBY, an agriculturist who has his residence in section 22 of Marion township, Turner county, stands among the foremost men in his calling in the county. His father, T. W. Appleby, was born in 1803 in Coventry, England, and was an extensive weaver of gold and silver lace during his early business career, his product being largely used by the royal family. Later he became a tobacconist with headquarters in Bethnal Green road, London, and in 1847 came to America and located in Elgin, Ill., where he engaged in the grocery business. His death occurred in the seventy-fifth year of his life. Phoebe

(Davis) Appleby, the mother of our subject, was born in London in 1805, and had attained the age of seventy-five years when she passed from time to eternity.

Of the three children born to this worthy couple, John T. now resides in Janesville, Wis.; Caroline died in London in 1865, and A. W., the youngest of the family, is the gentleman of whom we write. His natal day was August 10, 1843, and his birthplace London, England, where he lived until his fourth year, his father at that time, as stated above, emigrating to this country. Young Appleby grew up in Elgin, Ill., attending his first high school in that city, and in 1854 accompanied his parents to Wisconsin. He was living in the Badger state when the first assault on the national honor was made and watched the progress of the war with much interest. In 1863, when he was twenty years old, he became a member of company F, Forty-sixth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, and served until the close of the war guarding bridges and doing picket duty in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky. In 1865 Mr. Appleby was promoted to the position of sergeant and as such was honorably discharged September 27, of the same year, at Nashville, Tenn.

After the close of hostilities our subject returned to his home in Wisconsin, and in 1868 located on a wild piece of prairie land in Greene county, Iowa, on Cedar creek. Up to 1879 he improved this property and three other farms in the vicinity, and was closely identified with the growth of that section of the state. He taught six terms of school and besides this served as clerk of the township and also as a justice of the peace. Mr. Appleby located on the farm where he now lives in 1879, having come direct from the

Hawkeye state to Dakota territory, and since that time he has devoted his attention to improving the property and bringing it to a high state of cultivation. It was government land when he settled on it and not a furrow had been turned, and its appearance to-day shows forcibly the proof of the owner's thrift and enterprise. Besides the fine grove with which the property is adorned, is a large orchard from which during the last year our subject gathered forty bushels of apples. He also has a peach orchard, the only one in the county, and its trees are now ten feet high and give promise of bearing abundantly when they mature.

The estimable lady who presides over the economies of the household of Mr. Appleby became his wife December 24, 1866. Her maiden name was Miss Mary L. Wells, and she was born in Waterford, Wis., March 14, 1843. William H. Wells, Mrs. Appleby's father, was a native of New York, and served as second lieutenant of the Third Wisconsin regiment, cavalry, in the late war. He and his wife, who was formerly Miss Sarah Bailey, were the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters, Mrs. Appleby being the second child in order of their birth. Four children have come to bless the married life of our subject and his wife, of whom we note the following: Alfreda is the wife of Louis Peterson, of Gilmore City, Iowa; France E. is an artist and teacher; Rosamond is at home, and Glenn A. is deceased.

The political allegiance of Mr. Appleby has always been given to the Republican party, but he is in favor of free silver, and during the campaign just closed "stumped" the county in its cause. He was nominated for the legislature by the People's party,

but did not accept the candidacy because he was not a People's party man. Many minor positions it has been the honor of our subject to fill, among which is the office of township assessor and enumerator of the eleventh United States census, and he is also a correspondent of the bureau of agriculture and various papers of the state. He is liberal in his religious views.

#### REMINISCENCES OF PIONEER LIFE.

BY A. W. APPELEY.

As, with the history of the war, much has been written of the trials and adventures of the early settler on the Dakota plains; but "the half has never been told."

The writer has enough now crowding his memory, which if written would fill volumes, from thirty years on the western prairies. Being requested by the publishers of this work to furnish a sketch or two, we will give a few as we have them recorded in our old memorandum, as myself and family have experienced many of the horrors of the raging blizzard and prairie fire. Which is the worse in a new country, I cannot decide.

The feelings of anxiety and fear that harassed the homesteader, for his home and family located in oceans of dry grass, has cut off many years from many lives on the prairie. After a lapse of nearly twenty years experiencing all the horrors of prairie fires, and when the country was well settled up with roads, railroads and plowed fields for fire-breaks, we stood in our doorway April 2, 1889 (when people began to think less of fire), and beheld the whole prairie in flames, driven by a hurricane of wind. The very air, for a hundred feet

high, seemed aflame; with great balloons of fire flying past, where the wind had caught up a hay-cock or small stack and carried it far in advance. That day a strip of country from four to eight miles wide, so long we never learned the extent, lay in ashes. In less than half an hour from the time the oncoming fire attracted our attention, we saw seven of our neighbors' homes in flames; with barns and stacks likewise; animals stampeding, that were not roasting; jack-rabbits and wild birds rushing by; here and there loose teams, — a veritable pandemonium.

One near neighbor was horribly burned, while both horses were roasted with their harness on. One brave woman was pouring milk on the burning foundation of her house, and many were saving their lives by sitting in the plowed ground.

All this was after the country was well settled up. To save our home we fought with help of wife and daughters, while the cattle bellowed with fear, and the dog howled amid the rushing flames. We give this as a sample prairie fire. A sample blizzard occurred the year before, on January 12, 1888. This beautiful, mild and quiet morning, the thermometer at the thawing point, with a foot of loose snow on the ground, was in every way a model winter day. People were going to market, and the schools were filled with children. Before 2 P. M. came darkness that might be felt. You might see the mercury in the thermometer go down, as it dropped thirty degrees in five minutes, and from thirty-two degrees above it went down to twenty degrees below during the afternoon. You could hardly see your hand before you, or draw your breath, and what with the in-

tense cold, roaring wind and darkness, it would appal the stoutest heart.

Some of the schools dismissed. In some the scholars stampeded; some of the children finding safety, others finding death. Next morning thirteen in this county were dead on the prairie, eight in this vicinity. Several teachers (old pioneers) "Held the Fort" that night, and saved many lives.

My wife was teaching the school in our district, and had a large school, which she kept under close guard until 10:00 o'clock the next day, and I have a letter from Governor Mellette before me eulogizing her and others for their bravery and recommending official recognition. Many thought this the worst blizzard on record; but we know there were many just as bad when there were fewer people to record them.

The winter of 1880 and '81 was almost one continued blizzard. This winter commenced on October 16, with a blizzard leaving the snow covering the back rail of my wagon seat on a wagon with a double box. A day or two later my children coasted from the peak of the roof for rods, and on the 16th of next April, snow was two feet deep, with the first signs of spring. I kept a diary of every day and I find that my horses, were fed for over a month by my cutting a hole, like starting a well, over their backs, where the stable was supposed to be and taking hay down in a gunny-sack; and when a day or two came that I could dig them out, I put them in one part of the house. We burned the floor, bedstead and chairs, and ground four bushels of wheat in a small coffee mill. All water used was melted snow. My wagon never made its appearance all winter. After mining for it I found it on the 1st of April. On the 14th

of March (my wife's birthday), I put a fence board on each foot to hold me upon the snow, and skuffed four miles to Parker for some supplies. A friend at Parker lent me a hand sled to drag a-sack of flour on. I left my fence-board skees and trusted to the crust on the snow to hold me up. It broke every step or two and soon exhausted me. A blizzard came on and I was lost. I let go my sled and flour and wandered in the storm a long time, in many directions. When nearly frozen, I came against something like a small haystack. I put out my hand and felt something hard. I rapped on it a little; it opened, and I fell headlong into a sod shanty, with about five feet of snow that had banked against it. It was occupied by an old Scotchman that I knew. He made me some supper, after which we went to bed, the old man stuffing three great black cats in the bed at the foot to keep our feet warm. The cats quarreled all night, and in trying to scratch one another, they would claw our feet, when the old man would yell out at intervals, "Hould on, Tom; stop your contentions," much to my amusement, although my feelings were very much disturbed for my folks at home. I got home next day, but, having lost my flour, etc., we had to punch holes in the bottom of a tin pan and grate some ears of corn on it for supper. Toward evening a strange man wandered in—lost. He said a band of antelope were near the house, one of which was being worried to death by a small dog or wolf. But we could not see ten feet in any direction for blinding snow, so the carcass of the antelope was not found until the snow melted on the last days of April. We had a neighbor about a mile away whom we had not seen or heard

of for many weeks; so, as soon as I could see across the prairie and the crust on the snow would hold, I got a sack of frozen potatoes from the hole under the shanty, tied a rope to the end and started in search of the young man and his old mother, who lived in a dug-out, dragging the sack of potatoes behind me. When near the spot where I supposed his place was, I could not discern any sign of habitation whatever. I put my head to the surface to see if I could see any rise or mound in the snow. Having located one, I hallooed two or three times. Soon I saw the snow crack. Up came a trap-door, and a head followed, enveloped in steam and smoke almost like a volcano. They were all right after their long confinement; and in time the young man became my son-in-law, and will verify my statement.

These are only incidents among hundreds, many of which were of a far sadder nature.

I will close with one more usual occurrence of the prairie pioneer. When the snow had gone I started out to buy some corn only eight miles away. I husked out a load that had lain out all winter and started out in the evening for home, the fast setting new moon for my guide as I made up my mind that it hung directly over my distant shanty. So I drove directly for that moon. It did not prove a very reliable guide, however, and when it went down I was like Paddy when the candle went out, I knew that I had traveled long enough to be near home. I soon became bewildered and lost all direction, so concluded to unhitch, tie the team to the wagon and wait for morning. While doing so I caught sight of a small distant glimmer, and as the coy-

otes were uncomfortably noisy I hitched up again and started for it, it being in the opposite direction from which I supposed my house was. As soon as I reached it I hallooed and a lady came to the door. I made inquiry where I was; but it was not long before I tumbled to the fact that I was talking to my wife. It seems I had gone by and was on the side where our only little window was. But there was "a light in the window for me."

Very Respectfully,

A. W. APPLEBY.

**S**YLVENUS B. FOX. Among the many successful tillers of Union county's fertile soil, the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch is one of the most prominent, holding an honorable position as an honest and industrious citizen of Sioux Valley township.

Mr. Fox is a son of Philander and Cynthia (Brigham) Fox, both natives of New York, who were early settlers in St. Clair county, Mich., and later on made their home in McHenry county, Ill., for a period of three years. Our subject was born in the Empire state, September 10, 1838, but spent most of his boyhood in Michigan, where he was a student for three months in the only school he ever attended. He studied much himself, however, and gathered together a valuable education in this manner which was denied him in another. He began his battle for existence when seventeen years of age, working on farms, and in 1859 he located in Delaware county, Iowa, where he rented a piece of property and started in farming on his own account. While a resi-



dent there the war between the North and South broke out, and on the call of the President for troops to assist in quelling the uprising, our subject enlisted in July, 1862, in company H, Twenty-first Iowa regiment, infantry, as a private. The regiment was sent to St. Louis and then to Raleigh, Mo., where it was assigned to the command under Gen. Fitz-Henry Warren. They participated in the battle of Hartsville, Mo., and several other engagements, and then under Gen. Grant took part in the Vicksburg campaign. During the siege of Vicksburg Mr. Fox was knocked down by a piece of shell; that was on May 22d, and later on he received a slight scalp wound from a bullet. He took part in the charge on the city and was within sixty feet of the fort. After the fall of Vicksburg the regiment was almost continually on the march from one place to another, and on March 17 took part in the Mobile campaign and also participated in the battles of Ft. Blakely and Spanish Fort, the subject of this sketch being with his regiment on a high hill and witnessing the evacuation of the former. Many of the famous battles fought during that period of strife Mr. Fox was a participant in, and the last of June, 1865, after faithfully serving his country for three years he was mustered out at Baton Rouge, La., and sent home, being discharged at Clinton, Iowa, July 16, 1865.

After the war Mr. Fox returned to Delaware county, Iowa, where he found employment during harvest and then made a visit to his boyhood home in Michigan. He soon returned to Iowa, however, and for three years was engaged in farming in Kossuth county. In the fall of 1870 he arrived in Dakota territory and lived the following two

summers and three winters in Elk Point, locating on his present place in the spring of 1873. The land was nothing but raw prairie then and bore a most uninviting appearance, but under the skillful management of our subject it has become highly cultivated and made to produce abundantly. In all he now owns 220 acres, most of which is improved, and this he has done himself, working with that zeal and energy which always wins in the end. As a school officer interested in the cause of education he has a brilliant record, having served as a member of the school board for over sixteen years. Politically he is a staunch supporter of Republican principles, and has served one term as constable and was also elected to the office of justice of the peace. Socially he is a member of the G. A. R. post at Akron, Iowa, and is junior vice-commander of same.

Mr. Fox chose for his life partner an estimable lady of true worth of character, to whom he was married in 1869. She bore the maiden name of Miss Jennie Way, and their household is completed by six children, viz.: Clarence S., Louis W., Harry, Leonard A., Fred and Artie Belle.

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**H**ON. JENS P. PETERSON, who is conducting farm operations on section 26 of Garfield township, Clay county, was born in the kingdom of Denmark, January 26, 1841. His father, Peter Nelson, was also a native of Denmark and a farmer by occupation, and there married Miss Christina Olson, the mother of our subject. When Jens P. was about six years old his father died. His mother



subsequently married Hans Christensen, and then our subject went to live with his step-father's mother. He made his home with her until he was seventeen years of age, during which time he attended school and also assisted in the cultivation of the farm, and then hired out to a farmer for a year and a half. At the expiration of that time he returned to the home of his mother and step-father, remained there about three years, and then early in the summer of 1863 embarked for the new world.

On landing at Quebec Mr. Peterson went direct to Waukesha county, Wis., and hired out at farm labor for about fifteen months; then he went to Illinois, and in September, 1864, enlisted as a private in company B, Forty-fourth Illinois regiment, infantry, serving under the Stars and Stripes until the war was over. At the close of hostilities he was mustered out of service in Texas, and from there immediately returned to Waukesha county, Wis., where he remained about five months, and then secured a position with a farmer in Bureau county, Ill. In this latter place he was employed about ten months, at the expiration of which time he again went back to the Badger state, returning to Bureau county in 1868 to get married. This event occurred October 26 of that year, when he led to the altar of hymen Miss Christina A. Hanson, who was born in Denmark November 7, 1847. Her parents were Hans and Kate (Peterson) Christensen. The former was a soldier in the Danish army, and was killed in the discharge of his duty about 1849. Mrs. Christensen subsequently married Henry Hanson, with whom she emigrated to America in 1865 and settled in Bureau county, Ill. After the death of her father

Mrs. Peterson went to live with her maternal grandparents, by whom she was reared and educated, and in 1866 she also came to America to the home of her parents in Bureau county.

After marriage Mr. Peterson and his bride went to live in Dallas county, Iowa, but only for a few months, however, as in the spring of 1869 they came to Dakota territory and settled on the farm where they still make their home, Mr. Peterson entering 160 acres as a homestead in section 26 of Garfield township, Clay county. In the early summer of 1879 Mr. Peterson rented his farm here and returned with his family to Bureau county, Ill., where he operated a rented farm for about five years, but at the expiration of that time he again took up his residence on his property in Dakota, and there he has since continued to make his home. On the 160 acres which he owns he has made many and valuable improvements, including a complete set of farm buildings, and it forms one of the best pieces of farming land in the township.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are the parents of nine children, of whom the following is a record: Julia B., the wife of Christian H. Jacobson; Peter H., Emma O. C., died in 1894, at the age of twenty years; Clara H., Harold N., died when young; Harold W., Franklin B., who also died in infancy; Meckie L. and a baby son, the youngest, also deceased. Mr. Peterson has been township clerk for ten years, justice of the peace six years and a school director seven years, and he also served one term in the territorial legislature, being elected to that office in the fall of 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are members of the Danish Lutheran church and take an active part therein.

LEVI R. ISEMINGER belongs to that large class of intelligent and enterprising farmers whose homes are places of social and mental comfort and refreshment, and whose work as developers of the country is a credit alike to themselves and to the community. His estate is located in section 26 of Fairview township, Lincoln county, and consists of 160 acres of improved land. It is adorned by a commodious and substantial dwelling, barn and outbuildings, together with trees and other surroundings which make it a fit habitation. Modern machinery is used in its cultivation, and the latest improvements are to be seen in the method of its operation.

Joseph Iseminger, the father of our subject, is a native of Greene county, Pa., and he married Miss Sarah Beatty, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio. After their marriage they settled in Green county, Wis., and there the wife and mother passed to the silent world in April, 1886. Mr. Iseminger still survives at an advanced age. They were the parents of ten children, three sons and seven daughters, and of this family our subject was the sixth in the order of their birth.

Levi R. Iseminger first opened his eyes to the light in Clarno township, Green Co., Wis., February 29, 1844. His childhood and youth were spent on the home farm, and he was still a member of the parental household when the Civil war broke out. For a year or so he watched its progress with a spirit of patriotism, and at last decided to offer his services in the defense of the stars and stripes. August 16, 1862, he enlisted with his father in company B, Thirty-first Wisconsin regiment, infantry, and served

until July, 1865, when he was mustered out. He participated in the campaign through Georgia, which included the siege of Atlanta, and was with Gen. Sherman on his famous "march to the sea." He later took part in engagements at Averysboro and Bentonville, N. C., and during the progress of the last mentioned battle was severely wounded in the left thigh. This, of course, incapacitated him for duty, and after spending some time in the hospital he was mustered out and discharged. At the close of his term of enlistment he returned to Green county, Wis., and engaged in farming there until October, 1869, when he arrived in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and took up a claim in Fairview township. On this farm he made his home for four years, and then until 1885 was engaged in the pursuit of agriculture in various sections of the country. He first removed to Nodaway county, Mo., where he remained four years; then he went to Jewell county, Kans., later to Buena Vista county, Iowa, and in 1885 returned to Dakota and purchased the farm on which he now lives. He is possessed of a keen intellect, and brings this faculty to bear upon his work, and is carrying on his farming after the best scientific methods, as is shown by the condition of his farm, which is well-improved and under a high state of cultivation. He has held various of the township offices, and interests himself in everything pertaining to the management of local affairs, stanchly advocating the cause of an honest non-partisan government. Socially he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The marriage of our subject to Miss Sarah Harris was solemnized in Fairview township, Lincoln county, July 16, 1871.

Mrs. Iseminger is a native of Story county, Iowa, born January 24, 1854, and is a daughter of Amos J. and Lydia J. (Doty) Harris, natives of Pennsylvania and Indiana, respectively. Mr. Harris was one of the early settlers of Lincoln county, having located in Fairview township in 1867, and there he embarked for the shore from whence no traveler ever returns, March 10, 1889. Mrs. Harris died in Cambridge, Story Co., Iowa, in 1856. They reared a family of seven children, three sons and four daughters, and of these Mrs. Iseminger was the sixth in order of their birth. To Mr. and Mrs. Iseminger have been born seven children, and they are known by the following given names: Frank J., Edward L., Anna M., Arthur E., Mattie E., Hattie E., and John.

**T**HOMAS ROBINSON, a veteran of the late war, in which he did good service, is a fine type of our self-made men. By untiring industry and the exercise of sagacious judgment and good business faculties he has acquired a good farm and is classed among the enterprising farmers of Union county.

Mr. Robinson is a native of Canada, and was born May 17, 1838. In his native country he received his education and remained until eighteen years of age, coming to the states in 1858. His first location was in McHenry county, Ill., where he sustained life and incidentally laid by a little of his gains for a rainy day by working out by the month on farms. It was while he was a resident there that the Civil war broke out. He watched its progress until October, 1862, and then decided to support the cause of the union, enlisting in company E, Ninety-

fifth Illinois regiment, infantry, as a private. He joined the regiment at Rockford, Ill., and was immediately transferred to the front, being mustered into the Seventeenth army corps. He took part in all the engagements in which his regiment participated, among them being the battles of Champion Hill, Nashville, Mansfield Prairie, Sabine Pass, Guntown, Miss.; Spanish Fort, Fort Blakely and was all through the siege of Vicksburg. During his term of service, which extended over a period of three years and ten days, he was never wounded nor spent an hour in a hospital. He, however, had a bullet shot through his hat, and in another instance had his gun broken by a ball. He was mustered out at Mobile, Ala., in October, 1865, as a member of company E, Forty-seventh Illinois regiment, infantry, Sixteenth army corps, to which regiment he had been transferred at Uniontown, Ala.

On his discharge from the army Mr. Robinson returned to McHenry county, Ill. From there he went to Montreal, Canada, but stayed there but a short time, and then went south to a point about sixty miles southwest of Mobile, Ala. This location didn't suit him either, and he returned again to Illinois, where he remained the following two years. In 1869 he arrived in Dakota territory, and the same year took up the homestead where he now lives, which comprises 160 acres on section 27 of Sioux Valley township. He built a small hut for shelter, and then started to look around. There wasn't a settler nearer than four miles and Elk Point was the nearest town, and that was fifteen miles distant. Indians were then plenty thereabouts and game was also numerous, including deer, and wolves and coyotes made the night hideous with their yells.

He is one of the oldest settlers, and has seen the marvelous development of the territory from a wilderness to its present well-cultivated condition. In a country fit only for the habitation of beasts and wild animals he has seen villages spring up, as if by magic, roads laid out, bridges constructed and townships organized. His present farm is a fair indication of what has been accomplished in the way of improvements, being under careful tillage and adorned by a complete set of barns and outbuildings, together with a large grove of trees, which he set out himself. He has never married, neither does he belong to a social order of any kind, but finds plenty of diversion in looking after his interests as a general farmer. He served as road commissioner during his early residence in the county. Politically he was formerly a Republican, but is now an independent voter, casting his ballot as he deems best regardless of party ties or affiliations. Religiously he is a Presbyterian.

**A** W. FALLGETTER, who is engaged in buying, selling and shipping grain at Parker, Turner county, where he does a thriving business, is a native of Dodge county, Wis., and a son of A. and Margaret (Keefer) Fallgetter. The former was a native of Germany, and emigrated from the fatherland to America about 1836, locating first at Lowell, Mass., and then in Dodge county, Wis., in 1839. He was one of the first settlers of that county, where he remained until 1864, and then moved to Howard county, Iowa. In the latter place he died at the age of seventy-two years. Mrs. Fallgetter was born in Loraine, France, where she spent

her early life before coming to America. She passed to her reward beyond the grave at the age of seventy years. Her uncle, Michael Keefer, served as a soldier under that great general, Napoleon.

The subject of this biography was the second child, and was born July 14, 1845. He passed his early life in his native place, where he attended the district schools, and when eighteen years of age accompanied his parents to Iowa. There he assisted his father in farming until he was twenty-six years old, when he engaged in the same occupation for himself. He was united in marriage February 3, 1873, to Susie J. Robison, a native of New York, who was brought west by her parents when about two years old. They located first at Austin, Minn., and later in Howard county, Iowa, where they still reside. Mr. and Mrs. Fallgetter continued to make their home in Iowa after their marriage until 1884, when they moved to Sioux county, of the same state. After two years' residence there, during which time he was engaged in farming, they located at Doon, Iowa, where he established himself in the mercantile business. He continued in that business for three years, selling out in 1888, and purchasing the Rock Valley flouring-mills, which he managed for three years. In 1891 he started his present business at Parker, and has continued it ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Fallgetter have an interesting family of six children, all of whom reside at home; they are respectively: Blanche, Truman, Verner, Eva, Florence and Russell. Mr. Fallgetter is a Democrat politically, and is now and always has been since his residence in Parker an alderman in the city council. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity at Rock Valley, Iowa.

GILBERT JOHNSON is prominent among the farmers and stockmen of Fairview township, Lincoln county, where he has on section 21 one of the best equipped farms in the vicinity. His birth occurred in the kingdom of Norway, November 23, 1841. His father did an extensive farm business in the old country, and the early life of our subject was chiefly spent amid the surroundings of farm life, and after the manner of other boys at that period. He acquired such book knowledge as the schools of the vicinity afforded facilities for, and as years passed on took a constantly increasing share in the farm work. He remained under the parental roof until 1866, when he emigrated to America.

On arriving at New York Mr. Johnson proceeded west to Lafayette county, Wis., where he worked until the fall of the same year in the field, and then removed to Iowa, where he secured employment during the winter in chopping wood and in the summer in farming in Clayton county. After this he worked at various occupations—steamboating on the Mississippi river, etc.—until the spring of 1869, when he came to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and located on 160 acres on section 21 of Fairview township. He has been extensively engaged in stock raising, at which he has been eminently successful, and his farm of 300 acres has been developed from raw land to an attractive, highly cultivated piece of property. He tills the soil after the best methods, and as a result raises good crops. His stock is of the best grades and well cared for.

Mr. Johnson won for his wife a lady of most estimable character, who has abundantly shown her worth in the home. She

bore the maiden name of Miss Mary Peterson, is a native of Norway, and emigrated to America in the fall of 1866, settling in Wisconsin, where her marriage to our subject occurred. To this union nine children have been born, those living being known by the following names: Anna G., Josie G., George G., Lena, Peter and Gilman. The deceased are Ralph, who died when twenty years old; Mary, at the age of fourteen, and Peter, aged nine. The family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

Mr. Johnson long ago decided that the Republican party stood on the truest foundation of public policy, and has conscientiously supported it with his vote. As a member of the town and school boards he has served for many years, and has always taken quite a degree of interest in local as well as political affairs, having often been chosen as a delegate from this district to the county and state conventions of his party. He has grown up with the country, and is one of Lincoln county's representative successful farmers and citizens.

NIELS HANSEN, a horticulturist of acknowledged ability and one of the enterprising citizens of Garfield township, Clay county, was born in Denmark, October 4, 1842. He was reared to manhood on a farm in his native land until twenty years of age and then shortly after his marriage emigrated to America with his bride. He landed at Quebec, June 1, 1863, and from there came to the "States" and located in Waupaca, Wis. He hired out for about five months to a farmer near that city and then when the winter came on he went north into the

pineries where he was engaged in lumbering in the woods for a few months. On returning to his family in Waupaca in the spring of 1864 he removed to Winnebago county of the same state, and there rented a farm in company with his brother-in-law for a season. November of the same year he went to Chicago en route west, but while in the latter city he secured employment in one of the packing houses and remained until August, 1865, leaving at that time for Grinnell, Iowa. In the latter place he was employed as a laborer on a railroad for about a month, then for three months on a farm, at the expiration of which time he removed to Jasper county of the same state, where the following three years he conducted a farm and worked at various occupations. On leaving Jasper county he spent a few months in Dallas county, but in the spring of 1869 he made his appearance in Clay county, Dak. Ter., took up a homestead claim in section 25 of Garfield township, and there has made his home ever since with the exception of a few months during which time he lived south of Burbank, in what is known as Gunderson's Bend. He owns 360 acres on which he has erected some good substantial buildings, and the property is further adorned and made more profitable by a large orchard of some 350 different fruit trees. He has made horticulture a study, is deeply interested in his work, and co-operates with the South Dakota Horticultural society, of which he is vice-president. Of apples alone Mr. Hansen has nearly forty different varieties, and the trees are all thrifty looking and most of them bearing.

Mr. Hansen was married in Denmark, April 6, 1863, to Miss Anna K. Sorrenson,

a native of that country, born June 15, 1839. Her father and mother, Soren Hansen and Doreathea Maria (Nelsen) Blak, were both born, reared and died in Denmark. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen are the parents of ten children, of whom the following is a record: Christ, Sam, Hans, Mary, who is the wife of Niels J. Hansen; Christine, now Mrs. Jorgen Petersen; John, Hannah, the wife of Viggo Lassen; Peter, Charles, who died in infancy, and Dora. Mr. Hansen was a member of the board of county commissioners one term of three years and has held various of the school offices, being the first director in his district. He has also served as assessor of the township, having been appointed to that position by the sheriff when the present state was a part of Dakota territory, and he also formerly took quite an active interest in church work.

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**R**ICHARD WILLIAMS, a successful and enterprising member of the farming community of Turner township, Turner county, where he owns and operates an estate of 640 acres, is a native of Wales, born April 23, 1838. He grew to maturity in the country of his birth, receiving such education as was afforded in the common schools during his boyhood and working at various occupations in early manhood as a means of livelihood, and when twenty-four years of age he left his native land and embarked for Melbourne, Australia. From Melbourne he went to New Zealand, where he engaged in mining for about six years with fair success, and then returned to Wales. The following two years he spent in his native land working at what-





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ever he could find to do, and in 1870 embarked on another voyage, this time to the new world.

Mr. Williams arrived at his destination in due time and took up his residence in Otsego county, N. Y., where he secured employment at farm labor until two years had elapsed, and in the early part of 1872 started west. March of the same year found him in Dakota territory, and being well pleased with the country and its surroundings he decided to locate here permanently, taking up a homestead on section 25 of Turner township, Turner county, on which property his residence now stands. He has added to his possessions as his circumstances would permit, and now has, as stated above, a fine farm of 640 acres, all improved and in excellent condition.

November 8, 1874, Mr. Williams formed a matrimonial alliance with Miss Lizzie A. White, who was born in Ohio July 8, 1849, and to this union have been born nine children, six of whom survive, viz.: John W., Harry E., Jennie M., William T., Emmet L. and Grace. The other three children died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Williams hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to the support of which they contribute with a liberal hand, and in political matters Mr. Williams affiliates with the Republican party.

**G**OTTLIEB GERBER. The lands beyond the sea have sent their full quota of energetic and industrious men to Lincoln county, and many have won honorable stations as citizens, farmers and business-men, winning their way under discouraging circumstances and

the disadvantages attending a stranger in a strange land. One of this class is the subject of this brief life history.

Mr. Gerber was born in Switzerland, a son of Ulrick and Orsilla Gerber, who were also natives of that picturesque land. In his mother country he imbibed the patriotic spirit and industrious and enterprising nature characteristic of the Swiss people, and early in his life began laying the foundation of principles which have made his success assured. At the age of sixteen years, after passing his previous life under the parental roof, he made his acquaintance with the wonderful land of the free, his first location being in Sauk county, Wis. After four years of residence in the Badger state he emigrated to Colorado; that was early in 1859, and the fall of the same year he removed as far east as Seneca, Kan., to spend the winter months. When he again returned to Colorado, the following spring, Denver, which in 1859, was composed only of a village of log shanties, had grown to a small city, and thirty miles southwest of that now thriving metropolis he established himself on a farm. For a year he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and then, up to 1869, conducted a general merchandising business in Oro City, in connection with which he also operated a ranch. In his undertakings he was eminently successful, and when he sold out and returned to Wisconsin, had a good round competence as the result of his labor. The year of his return to Wisconsin he entered the marriage state, it being his fortune to secure a wife of great worth in the person of Miss Mary A. Shoenman, a native of Hardin county, Ohio. About two years after this happy event Mr. Gerber's health began to fail, and in the

hopes of regaining that which he had lost, he came, in 1871, to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., and located on a claim about two miles east of where Worthing is now situated. He first erected a small house, and returned to Wisconsin in the spring of 1872 for his family. The homestead on which he filed was then the outside and edge of the country then settled with pioneers west of Canton, and he and his good wife passed through all the hardships of the early settlers—prairie fires and grasshopper plagues in summer, and blizzards in winter. During the severe blizzard of 1872 and '73, he chanced to be at home and had a full supply of fuel with which to keep warm; but during the winter of 1873 and '74, because of the short supply of wood, which commodity it was almost impossible to get, he resorted to burning straw and hay as fuel and by this means, twisting it into bunches, succeeded in keeping himself and family comfortable. During another snowstorm, however, he was not so fortunate, and was caught away from home in the vicinity of Fairview, but found a shanty in which he remained until the blizzard had abated. Mrs. Gerber was at home at this time with two small children, but luckily there was plenty of wood around the place, and by sawing and burning this, kept herself and babies from freezing.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerber remained on their farm until the village of Worthing was laid out and platted, when he erected the first house built in the town and became one of its first business men, keeping the post-office in his store for many years. In the fall of 1895 he erected the present business block in which he is located, and it is by far the largest one in the village, having two floors,

Besides his general merchandise business, Mr. Gerber also finds time to superintend the cultivation of a large farm of 480 acres which is yielding handsome returns. He is connected with the I. O. O. F. lodge at his home town and Mrs. Gerber belongs to the Rebecca lodge. Mr. Gerber is public-spirited and has served many terms as a member of the board of supervisors, being chairman of that body, and has also been an active member of the Worthing school board.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerber's married life has been blest with seven children of whom we note the following: Henry G., a promising young business man and his father's partner; Louise A., the wife of Charles G. Leavitt, of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Emma M., Ida B., Herbert, Alyda R. and R. Clyde.

Mr. Gerber's portrait appears on another page of this record and will be readily recognized by his many friends and acquaintances.

**H**ALVOR JACOBSON. The mature years of this gentleman have been devoted almost exclusively to the calling of a farmer, and he has acquired a valuable knowledge of this occupation in performing the duties and labors incident to the management of a large estate. He owns and occupies a pleasant and remunerative tract of land in section 25 of Garfield township, Clay county, and there pursues the even tenor of his way, gaining worldly goods and enjoying the happiness of a comfortable home.

Mr. Jacobson was born in Norway, September 14, 1840. His father, Jacob Hal-

vorson, was a farmer by occupation and did an extensive business in that line in the old country, and our subject was reared and bred to the life of a tiller of the soil on the old homestead. He grew to manhood much in the manner of lads of the Scandinavian peninsula, attending the district schools for an education, and when he had attained the age of twenty-six years he emigrated to this country. He landed at Quebec in June, 1866, from where he went first to Wisconsin and then spent the following winter in Owatonna, Minn. Early in the spring of 1867 he started for Omaha, Neb., remained there a few months and then accepted a position in the construction crew of the Union Pacific railroad spending the next eighteen months of his life in the employ of that company. On coming to Clay county, Dak. Ter., in the spring of 1869, Mr. Jacobson pre-empted 160 acres in section 25 of Garfield township, the following spring he settled thereon and this farm has ever since been his residence. The land is all tillable and its cultivation proves both pleasant and profitable. He has erected a complete set of farm buildings, set out trees, etc., and in many other ways greatly enhanced the value of his property.

The marriage of Mr. Jacobson and Miss Anna Johnson took place November 14, 1872, in Clay county. Mrs. Jacobson was, like her husband, born in Norway, March 6, 1847, and grew to womanhood in her native country. Their life as man and wife has been one of happiness and contentment, their only sorrow being in the death of four of the eleven children who came to bless their union. The living children are, John, Jones, Hannah C., Martin, Ida M., Anna and Ellen O., and those deceased were

known by the following given names: Hannah, Anna, Ellen O. and Caroline.

Our subject has held some of the township offices and in religious affairs takes an active part. He belongs with his family to the Norwegian Lutheran church.

**E**VEN E. FOSSUM. The fertile soil of Lincoln county affords adequate remuneration for the labor expended upon it by a large number of agriculturists, who, as a class, are industrious, energetic and thrifty. From year to year they are surrounding themselves with more and more of comfort and beauty, and taking a larger part in advancing the best civilization. Many of the hardy sons of the Scandinavian peninsula are included in this class, and one of this number is the gentleman above named, who has a farm of 280 acres on sections 23 and 26 of Highland township, which is replete in first-class improvements and has every needful arrangement for the furtherance of the work of the estate and the comfort of the family circle.

Mr. Fossum is a native of Norway and was born May 26, 1847. His parents were farmers and it was but natural that our subject, who was raised on his father's farm, should follow the same occupation. By the time he had attained his majority he had acquired a good fund of knowledge, and being an ambitious young man, he decided to come to America, where he was confident he could gain that station of independence in life that he could never hope to attain in his mother country. In 1868 he embarked for the new world, spending two years in

Winneshiek county, Iowa, prior to coming to Dakota territory, which was in 1870. His original claim was 160 acres, but by industry, thrift and economy he has been enabled to increase his landed possessions and is now the fortunate owner, as stated above, of 280 acres of very fine farm land, highly cultivated and under careful tillage for a number of years.

The virtues of sociability and hospitality are possessed by both himself and wife, whom he married in Highland township, October 29, 1879. Mrs. Fossum bore the maiden name of Miss Inger Weiken and is a native of Norway. Eight children have been born to this union, of whom three died in infancy; those living are known by the following given names: Edward, Ida, Oscar, Maggie and Louisa M.

**J** T. APPLEBY. The subject of this narrative is one of the representative and highly respected citizens of Parker township, in section 31, of which he is engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. He was born in London, England, October 26, 1847, and nine months after his birth his parents came to America and located on a farm near Elgin, Ill., where he was reared until a good-sized boy. He then removed with his parents to Cherry Valley, Ill., remaining there two years and then locating in Janesville, Wis. In the latter place they stayed but a short time and then went to Rock county, Wis.

Mr. Appleby remained with his parents until he attained the age of eighteen years; that was in 1865, and he then enlisted in company F, Forty-sixth Wisconsin regiment, infantry, as a private. He served

until the close of hostilities and returned to Rock county, Wis., where he worked on a farm by the month until he attained his majority. April 4, 1868, he was united in matrimony to Miss Eudora Chase, a native of Rock county, Wis., born October 13, 1847, and they immediately located on a farm there, which he rented for a year, and then bought forty acres. This latter property, after improving with a house, etc., he sold and came to Turner county, Dak. Ter., in 1887, purchasing the farm where he now lives. The property contained no improvements whatever at that time, but under his able management it has changed and its present resemblance to its former condition is about as different as night is from day. He improved the farm by erecting a nice home which cost him \$1,000, and a barn and granary worth at least that much more, and besides has a fine grove of six acres, and an orchard of fifty trees—plums and small fruit. He is engaged in general farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Appleby are the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter, viz.: Nellie I., who has been a teacher since sixteen years of age, and now connected with the Parker public schools; H. Eugene, married Miss Minnie Johnson, resides in Parker township; George H., married to Miss Alice Macy, of Beloit, Wis., resides in Parker township; and Ernest, at home. Mr. Appleby, like his father, is a Republican, and is now chairman of the board of supervisors of the township. He was a candidate for the legislature at one time, but what is known in political circles as a "split in the party" caused his defeat. He is also a member of the K. of P. lodge, No. 47, at Parker.

ANDREW P. CARLSON is classed among the most energetic and capable of the farmers and stock raisers of the present generation, who are aiding in carrying forward the great agricultural interests of Clay county. He owns land in Garfield township, comprising 340 broad and fertile acres on section 3, where he is carrying on his operations with the most gratifying results.

Mr. Carlson is a son of Carl and Anna (Nelson) Peterson, both natives of Sweden, the former a farmer by occupation, which he followed up to the time of death in the old country. Mrs. Peterson, after her husband's death, came to live with her son in America, and she, too, passed to the world beyond July 17, 1877, at our subject's residence. Andrew P. Carlson was born in Sweden, September 19, 1845, and was reared to manhood in his native country on his father's farm. Under the care of his parents he early learned the principles by which his life should be governed, and in school and at home gathered knowledge of importance, especially such as pertained to the calling which he chose. He continued to make his home under the parental roof until 1869, and May 6 of that year bade adieu to his parents and friends and started on his journey to this country. He landed in New York the latter part of the same month, and from the metropolis came direct to Illinois, where, in Henry county, he worked out at farm labor for a few weeks. In August, 1869, he made his appearance in Dakota territory, and took up as a homestead the property whereon he now makes his home. Possessing a clear intellect and endowed with energy and a good capacity for hard labor, he has since and is now

doing well from a financial standpoint, and his prosperity is assured.

Mr. Carlson and Miss Anna Erickson were united in marriage May 1, 1879, the ceremony that made them one being performed in Garfield township. Mrs. Carlson was also a native of Sweden, coming to this country when twenty-two years of age. Their marriage has been blessed to them by the advent of seven children, and the following is a record of their names: Eric H., Anna V., Andrew J., Gertie M., Augusta A., Emma E. and Charles W. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson hold membership in the Augustana Lutheran church.

Our subject is popular with his fellow men, and has served them in various official capacities. He has held the position of township treasurer five years, was assessor for three years, and besides this has served in many of the school offices. Politically, he uses his elective franchise in supporting candidates of the People's party, and is prominent in local political circles.

VALENTINE SIEBERT. It is doubtful if there now resides in Lincoln county a man more generally respected as an honorable tiller of the soil than the gentleman above named, who is engaged in extensively cultivating the rich resources of physical South Dakota, and incidentally raises stock.

He was born in Germany, from which country so many of America's intelligent and prosperous population hail, and in his native land made the most of the advantages afforded every child of the fatherland for an education. When he had attained the age of twenty years he emigrated to America and

located first at Freeport, Ill., remaining there engaged in work on a farm until 1878. That year he came to Dakota territory and took up a homestead in what is now Delapre township, Lincoln county. The first year the grasshoppers cleaned up his crop; but undaunted in his quest for a competence he persevered in his chosen calling, and as a result is now the possessor of a beautiful home in section 3 of Perry township, where he also owns, besides his original claim in Delapre township, 320 acres of farm land. He is in every sense of the term a self-made man, coming to free America a poor boy, but determined in his efforts to gain a footing on the road to prosperity denied him in the land of his birth. That he has succeeded is unquestioned, and he may be justly called a representative of that type of men who rise only by their own personal and untiring devotion to the betterment of their condition. He is a Democrat politically and has always voted that ticket; is liberal in his religious views and socially belongs to the I. O. O. F. at Lennox.

Mr. Siebert's parents lived and died in the old country, and but one brother, John, besides our subject, ever crossed the broad Atlantic and became a citizen of the United States. This brother located in Wisconsin, but is not known to be alive at this writing.

In July, 1882, Mr. Siebert married the lady of his choice, the bride being Mrs. Augusta Hess, the widow of Christ Hess, and to them during their wedded life have been born three children. The bright horizon of domestic happiness, however, was marred by the appearance in 1889 in their family of that dreaded disease, scarlet fever, and from this cause death claimed two of their off-spring, leaving but one son, Henry, to

brighten their home. Mrs. Siebert by her former husband was the mother of five children: Lena, wife of William Fritz; William, Emma, Ida, and one child, who died of diphtheria at the age of eleven years.

**S**TEPHEN W. HAMMOND. The home of this genial, pleasant gentleman is situated in section 23 of Turner township, Turner county, where he owns 360 acres of fertile land. This township has been his home ever since 1871, and his memory recalls many different scenes from those which meet his view at the present time. He is a son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Moyer) Hammond, natives of Connecticut and New York respectively; they were married in the Empire state and settled in Onondaga county, where they both died, Mr. Hammond in 1845, and his good wife in 1870.

Stephen W. Hammond was the tenth child of a family of eleven children, six sons and five daughters, born to this worthy couple, and opened his eyes to the light in Clay township, Onondaga Co., N. Y., September 3, 1842. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, his father being a farmer, until seventeen years of age, when he went to Union City, Pa., to learn the painter's trade of his brother Norman, who was engaged in that occupation there. While he was serving his apprenticeship the great Civil war broke out and the patriotic spirit which slumbers in the breast of every true American broke with equal force from his bosom. On the first call for volunteers our subject responded, although he did not regularly enlist until June 27, 1861, at which time he was enrolled a member of company

A, Eighty-third Pennsylvania regiment, infantry. The regiment was immediately transferred to the front and our subject participated in many hotly contested engagements, among which were the battles of Mechanicsville, Gaines Mill, Glendale and Malvern Hill. At Gaines Mill he was wounded in the ankle, and in the battle of Malvern Hill he again suffered from the rebels' fire and as a result was discharged in September, 1862, on account of disability. After his discharge he returned to Union City, Pa., where he remained until he recovered from the effects of the wounds received during his service in the army, and then went to his old home in Onondaga county, N. Y. In the latter place he remained until March, 1865, and then started west, stopping in St. Charles, Minn., where he followed his trade until May, 1871, and finally locating in Turner county, Dak. Ter., where he entered as a homestead a quarter section of land in Turner township. Mr. Hammond now owns 360 acres, all improved and under good cultivation, and through his able management is reaping rich harvests.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Jennie Sixbury was celebrated in Mohawk, Herkimer Co., N. Y., November 2, 1865. Mrs. Hammond, like her husband, is a native of the Empire state, born in Montgomery county, March 27, 1844, a daughter of Sheldon and Catharine (Newton) Sixbury. They both passed to the world beyond in Little Falls, N. Y., and of four sons and five daughters who were born to them, Mrs. Hammond was the seventh in order of birth. Mr. Hammond and his wife have been blessed during their happy married life by the advent of eleven children, viz.: Sidney

F., Wallace S., Harry C., Hattie K., now Mrs. Allen Roach; Jennie L., who married Charles Roach; Frederick P., Sadie H., Nina J., Frank N., Leroy, and Allen M.

**F**REDERICK NELSON, who is farming on section 27, Glenwood township, Clay county, was born in Denmark February 9, 1842. He spent his boyhood days in the usual manner of farm lads, and at the early age of fourteen years he started to make his own living. He took to farm labor as a means of livelihood and continued to make his home in his native country until twenty-five years of age, two and a half years of which were spent in the Danish army.

May 12, 1867, he landed at New York, after a voyage of three weeks across the broad Atlantic, and immediately started west to Eau Claire county, Wis. There he was employed in lumbering in the woods in the winter, and the summer he spent at work in the saw-mills. The following year he went to Wabasha county, Minn., where he secured employment at farm labor for the next five months, when he returned to Eau Claire, but only for a few months, however, as in July, 1869, he started for California. After fifteen months spent on the Pacific coast, Mr. Nelson returned east, stopping at Omaha, where he secured work on the bridge which was then being constructed across the Missouri river between that city and Council Bluffs, Iowa, and in the spring of 1871 he began in earnest to look around for land for a permanent home. He finally decided that Clay county, Dak., offered as good inducements as could be found at the time, and he accordingly took

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up as a homestead his present farm in Glenwood township. He now has a very fine estate of 320 acres, on which he has erected good, substantial buildings, enclosed it with neat fences, and in other ways added to its home-like appearance and incidentally its value from a financial standpoint.

Mr. Nelson was united in the holy bonds of wedlock July 16, 1873, to Miss Jorgine Peterson, also a native of Denmark, born March 17, 1842, and to them have come seven children, viz.: John A., Anthon, Christina, Jennie, Henry, Amelia and Rebecca. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson hold membership in the Baptist church. They live consistent Christian lives, are industrious, hospitable and charitable people. Mr. Nelson has been a member of the town board, and has held various other of the township offices. Unassuming in manner, he has lived a straightforward and upright life, and well deserves a representation in a volume of this character.

**J**OHN REINERS, deceased. In the death of this gentleman Lincoln county lost a citizen who could ill be spared, as he was a farmer of practical ability, thrift and intelligence, and followed the most advanced methods in his pursuit of agriculture. He was a native of Germany, where he received a practical education, grew to maturity and was married. Stories of the wonderful resources of the land of the free, and the bright future in store for those industriously inclined to gain a competence therein, decided Mr. Reiners in his purpose to come to America. In 1862 he emigrated with his good wife and three children and settled in Grundy county,

Iowa, which location he selected as the best place for his future home. The family were among the pioneers of that county and lived there until 1881, when they removed to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., where Mr. Reiners passed to the world beyond in February, 1893, at the age of sixty-six years. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. Of the children born to himself and wife, Dick, Otto and Sarah first saw the light in the fatherland, and those noted below are natives of this country. Annie, now the wife of Hiram Knock, of Lincoln county; Lena married T. Knock, and is also a resident of Lincoln county; and Maggie, unmarried.

Otto Reiners was the second child, and was born in 1856. He was but five years old when his parents came to America, and in Grundy county, Iowa, where they located, he grew to maturity, receiving such advantages for an education as the primitive school houses of that day furnished. He continued to be a member of the parental household until he succeeded in winning the consent of Miss Fannie Groenewold to become his life partner, the event occurring in 1880, and in 1885 he removed with his wife to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. The home farm consists of 320 acres, and is located on sections 5 and 8, of Perry township. The necessary farm buildings have been erected, and the whole place bears the mark of thrift and industry. In connection with his general farming business Mr. Reiners spends much of his time in the breeding of swine of the best grades, which he makes a specialty, and has a very fine herd of full-blooded animals. Our subject and his estimable wife have a family of eight children, noted in the order of their birth as follows: John, George, Annie,



Dick, Ettie, Henry, Ida, and Otto. They are members of the Presbyterian church, and politically Mr. Reiners votes on the Republican side of all questions.

**J** W. CHASE, Parker's enterprising hardware merchant, is a native of East Chester, N. H., and was born July 24, 1838. He is a son of Josiah and Adeline (Ayer) Chase, the former a native of New Hampshire, whose father, Perley Chase, was a direct descendant of the early Puritans and a participant in the Revolutionary war. Josiah Chase was a merchant and farmer at East Chester, where he died at the age of forty-eight years. His wife was a native of Haverhill, Mass., born January 8, 1801, where she was reared and grew to maturity. Her father was of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Chase were married at Haverhill, Mass., and located at East Chester, where they continued to reside till Mr. Chase's death. Mrs. Chase lived to be eighty-one years old. They were the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters, viz.: Louisa J., deceased; Frances H., deceased; George S., now residing in Mechanic Falls, Me., and J. W., the subject of this biography.

J. W. Chase was the youngest of the family and passed his boyhood days in his native town. He attended the common schools and later entered the Chester academy to complete his education. In 1864 he went to Haverhill, Mass., and engaged in the leather business which he carried on for three years. During his residence there he was married April 30, 1866, to Miss Mary F. Silloway, a native of Kingston, N. H., born January 15, 1849, she being a

daughter of Wadley and Mariah (Hoyt) Silloway. One year after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Chase removed to Minnesota, where they engaged in farming in Mower county. They remained there for twelve years and later on Mr. Chase secured a position with the C., M. & St. P. railroad company's surveying and construction parties working through South Dakota and central Iowa. He worked for the railroad company about four years and a half and in 1883 came to Parker and engaged in the hardware business which he has conducted ever since. He is a staunch Republican and has held various offices of the school and town boards. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase have been blest with seven children, viz.: Maria L., a missionary to Fusan, Corea; Eva F., wife of B. W. Kumler, of Parker; Montgomery J., Josephine A., Adeline M., Warren J. and Dolly K., all residing at home with the exception of Eva F., Maria L. and Montgomery J., the latter being in Chicago.

**W**EARDUS H. WUMKES. Lincoln county has few more energetic or wide-awake men among the younger members of its business population than this gentleman. His name will be readily recognized by the citizens of Lincoln and Turner counties as an agricultural implement and hardware dealer of Lennox who also conducts in partnership with his brothers a branch store at Davis, Turner county.

Mr. Wumkes was born in the province of Hanover, Germany, in 1859, and in 1868 when nine years of age, left the country of

his birth in company with his parents, and embarked for the new world. The father and mother located in Hardin county, Iowa, and two years later in Grundy county, of the same state where the subject of this biography grew to manhood. Mr. and Mrs. Peter T. Wumkes, the latter whose maiden name was Maria Schmidt, were born in Germany, from where Mr. Wumkes who was a sea captain, sailed to all parts of the known world on his own vessel. He lost one ship which was wrecked and finally settled down to farming, continuing this occupation up to the time of his death, which occurred in Grundy county, Iowa, where he succeeded in accumulating quite a good sized fortune. Of the children born to him and wife we note the following: Wumke, married and a resident of Grundy county, Iowa, where he carries on farming; Eilert, residing in Perry township, Lincoln county; Weardus H.; Justus, of Lennox; and John, living at Davis, Turner county.

Weardus H. continued to live with his parents until 1882, assisting with the labor on the farm in Iowa, and that year was united in marriage to Miss Talea Huisman, a young lady living in Franklin county, Iowa. With his young wife he came to Lennox and there engaged in the selling of farm implements and furniture, and he has continued in the former line ever since. He succeeded so well in his undertaking and built up such an extensive trade that he felt justified in opening up a branch store at Davis, and as stated above entered into partnership with his brothers for this purpose. Some of the wealth he has accumulated he has made use of in erecting a beautiful residence in Lennox, which is presided over by his estimable wife. Their married life

has been blest with three children, viz.: Peter T., Swannie and William, and all live at home. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party.

HON. JOHN NORIN, a prominent and progressive agriculturist of Glenwood township, Clay county, on section 31 of which he is conducting extensive farming operations, was born in Sweden, February 14, 1854. He passed the early days of his life in his native country, and when he had attained the age of fourteen years accompanied his parents, Andrew and Lena (Pherson) Norin, to America. In 1868 they settled in Boone county, Iowa, and lived there until the summer of 1870, at which time they came to Dakota territory and located on the farm where our subject now has his headquarters. Mrs. Norin died on the old homestead in 1891, but her husband still survives at an advanced age and lives with his son.

John Norin has been a resident of Glenwood township since the summer of 1870, when he came here with his parents, and he has devoted his attention exclusively to farming and agricultural pursuits. His farm of 480 acres is in excellent condition and highly cultivated, and many valuable improvements have been made on the property since it came into his possession.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Martha Lundin, who was born in Sweden, August 10, 1865, was celebrated in Glenwood township, January 22, 1887. Mrs. Norin is a daughter of Rev. Jens and Julia (Johnson) Lundin, who now live in Kingsbury county, S. Dak., and by her marriage with Mr. Norin they have become the par-

ents of six children, viz.: Emedia Z., Arnold L., Hannah E., Adelia E., Edwin N. and Olga H.

Mr. Norin has been chairman of the town board, township assessor two terms, and constable and school clerk for several years, and he has taken quite an active part in all local and political affairs. He is a Republican of the staunchest type, and was elected to the state legislature for one term in the fall of 1890 on that party's ticket. Religiously, he belongs to the Swedish Lutheran church, likewise his wife, and he has been a trustee of the church and also secretary of the congregation.

**O**LE O. BLAKE, a representative of the better class of agriculturists of Turner county, in Turner township of which he is carrying on an extensive general farming business, is a native of Norway, born November 26, 1842. He was reared on a farm in his native land and continued to make his home there until the early summer of 1870, when he emigrated to America.

On landing at Quebec, Canada, he crossed into the United States and came direct to Sioux City. In that city he secured employment on a railroad about three months, then spent a short time on a farm in Woodbury county, Iowa, and later returned to Sioux City again, where he accepted a position on a steamboat plying the Missouri river. On the first trip the boat went to St. Louis, thence to Memphis and on down the Mississippi to the mouth of the Arkansas river and then up to Little Rock. At Little Rock Mr. Blake was employed at different times on the Little Rock and Fort

Smith railroad, in a sawmill and at quarrying stone, also spending some of his time in farming, but in 1873 he started north again to Omaha, Neb., where he worked about a year in a foundry, and in the spring of 1874 arrived in Dakota territory. He entered 160 acres on section 12 of Turner township, Turner county, and settled on it the same year, starting in at once to break up and improve the place. For several years he worked in a foundry in Sioux City, making his home on and spending his spare moments in the cultivation of his farm, and later purchased the property on section 11 where he now resides. He owns a fine estate of 520 acres, on which improvements have been made, such as befit the home of an intelligent, thrifty man who desires to enjoy life in the best way.

Our subject has been married three times, his first wife being Miss Randi Vegten, to whom he was married in Turner township shortly after his arrival in Dakota. She passed away less than a year later, and Mr. Blake subsequently was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Miss Mary Luberger, a native of Norway, the ceremony occurring in Sioux City, Iowa. Mrs. Mary Blake died in that city in September, 1882, the union having been productive of one child, Marcus, who still survives. Mr. Blake's present wife bore the maiden name of Miss Carrie Stensaa, to whom he was married in Turner township, and seven children have come to bless their union, viz.: Gyda, who died when ten years of age; Olaf, Anna, Albert, Selma, Oscar, deceased, and Gyda.

Mr. Blake has been quite prominent in all local affairs, has served as a member of the town board and in various minor capac-

ities. Politically he is a Republican, and religiously belongs to the Norwegian Lutheran church, his wife also holding membership therein.

ANDREW BRING owns and occupies one of the well regulated farms, so many of which are to be seen throughout Clay county, adding of their wealth to the resources of a great commonwealth. It consists of 200 acres of carefully tilled and pasture land in section 10 of Glenwood township, and bears upon it those structures fitted for the use and convenience of the occupants that are expected of a man of energy and good judgment.

The birth of our subject occurred in Sweden, December 2, 1855. His father, Frederick Bring, emigrated to America with his family in 1869 and settled in the southern part of Iowa where he lived until 1871, at which time he came to Dakota territory and took up a homestead of 160 acres in the southern part of Glenwood township. Mrs. Bring, who bore the maiden name of Magdalena Larson, died there November 4, 1894. Of the family of three sons and two daughters born to this couple, Andrew was the youngest and had attained the age of thirteen years when he accompanied his parents to this country. Three years later he started out in the world for himself, working at farm labor until 1875, when he returned to the home of his parents. In 1877, with the money he had succeeded in saving, he bought the farm whereon he now lives, and has ever since devoted his energy and attention to developing the property and bringing it to a high state of cultivation. Many buildings adorn the land and neat

fences enclose and subdivide the fields, making the estate one of the most valuable in the vicinity.

Mr. Bring was fortunate in securing for his companion a lady who possessed an estimable character, much womanly wisdom and housewifely skill. She bore the maiden name of Miss Anne Anderson, was born in Sweden, November 17, 1849, and is a daughter of Magnus Anderson who lived and died in that country. Mr. Bring and Miss Anderson celebrated their wedding in Vermillion, January 13, 1880, and their marriage has brought them three living children, viz.: Sabena, Ida O. and Esther E. Two children died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Bring are members in good standing of the Swedish Lutheran church, and politically Mr. Bring casts his vote for the candidates of the Republican party.

HON. JOHN SELLBERG, one of the earliest settlers of Sioux Valley township, Union county, is a fine representative of the Swedish citizens of South Dakota, and an intelligent and progressive farmer.

Mr. Sellberg was born January 1, 1831, and grew to manhood in Sweden, receiving a thorough education. He was raised a farmer, which occupation he followed mostly, but was also a first-class mechanic, and held the position of foreman in the construction of various buildings erected in the land of his birth. He also had a natural aptitude for music, and became quite proficient in that art, being a member of a band and also a teacher of instrumental music, including the violin, clarinet, etc. Although he gained much notoriety as a musi-

cian of rare talent in his own country, he nevertheless decided that a broader field for his labor was open in the new world, and in 1868 decided to come to America. In July of that year he landed in New York and came direct to Dakota territory, taking a claim in section 13, of Sioux Valley township, where Mr. A. Wakeman now lives. He did not stay there long, however, before he bought a man's right to homestead, on section 23, which constitutes his present farm. He was the first settler in his immediate neighborhood, and has lived there ever since. A 16 x 18 board shanty was the first place of abode he erected, it being the second house of the kind constructed there, and then he started in to break up his land and put in a crop. For several years the grasshoppers got the benefit of his labor, and later on he was stricken down with illness and confined to his bed for a period of over two years. His fight for existence was beset by many of the hardships and privations incident to the development of a new country, but, by perseverance and "sticking everlastingly at it," he has succeeded, and is now reaping his reward. His landed possessions consist of 200 acres of carefully cultivated land, on which he built a fine residence in 1884. All the other out-buildings he has also erected, and has one of the best pieces of property in the county. He has a grove of nine acres, all of which he planted himself, and carries on a mixed farming business, raising grain and cattle.

As a citizen Mr. Sellberg has been actively interested in all local matters. As a school officer, he served for many years, and has frequently been appointed delegate to various Republican county and state conventions, having always affiliated with that party

since the casting of his first ballot. He has been and is now a road supervisor, he served as assessor of Sioux Valley township four years, and in 1877 was elected to the territorial legislature convened at Yankton, and represented his constituents in that body with marked ability.

Our subject was married in 1856 in Sweden, Miss Bertha Christina West being the bride, and to this union have been born two daughters—Mary Christina, the widow of John M. Peterson, and the mother of one daughter, Esther; and Hannah, who resides at home. They also have an adopted son, Nicholas, and all the family are members of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran church, Ms. Sellberg being a deacon in the Union Creek church of that denomination. The children have been given good educations, and the two daughters are musicians of more than ordinary merit, inheriting a taste for that art from their father.

**W**ILLIAM M. SHIELDS. This name will at once be recognized by many of our readers, as it belongs to one of Canton's prominent citizens, who is now living a retired life in that city. He is a native of Bellefontaine, Ohio, and was born September 10, 1826. When he was a year old his parents, Martin and Phœbe (Davis) Shields, removed to Cass county, Mich., and settled on a farm there, where they continued to reside for a period of ten years. At the expiration of that time, in the fall of 1836, they removed to Lake county, Ill., and located in the township which now bears his name. They lived there, however, but a few years and then bought a farm in McHenry county,

of the same state, where they both breathed their last. They were the parents of six sons and two daughters, our subject being the sixth child in the order of their birth.

William M. Shields was raised on his father's farm and in McHenry county, Ill., he continued to carry on the occupation of farming until 1860. For ten years from 1860 he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, and in 1870 sold out and removed to Clinton, Iowa, where he established another store, and conducted it for ten years, disposing of his interests there at the expiration of that time, in order to remove to Ida Grove, Iowa. In the latter place he continued in business for three years, and then sold out and came to Canton, Dak. Ter. That was in 1883, and he has ever since been a resident of Lincoln county. His life has been one of activity from the beginning, and being blessed with health, energy and a capacity for hard work he has very much prospered. The severest stroke of misfortune which Mr. Shields has suffered is the death of his faithful wife and helpmeet, which occurred June 10, 1896, but he is happy in the thought that we may all meet again. This estimable lady was a native of New York, and bore the maiden name of Miss Caroline E. Sears, a daughter of E. C. Sears, of Canton. The ceremony which united their lives was performed in McHenry county, Ill., February 18, 1849, and for almost half a century they shared alike each others joys and sorrows until Christ reclaimed his own.

Mr. Shields owns 480 acres of well improved and highly cultivated farm land in Lincoln county. He takes an active part in all local affairs, and has advanced ideas on all current topics of the day. A staunch

Republican, he has always affiliated with that party since its organization, and uses his influence in supporting its candidates. Mr. Shields is also well known in religious circles, and, although he has reached man's allotted three-score and ten years of life, is still well preserved and takes an active interest in church work. He is a Presbyterian, has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for many years, and is now one of the elders of the church of that denomination in Canton.

**N**EWTON CORNISH, a progressive farmer, live-stock dealer and the proprietor of a general store at Parker, Turner county, was born in Green county, N. Y., September 10, 1840. He is a son of Jacob M. and Hannah B. (Goodsell) Cornish, the former a native of the Empire state and a direct descendant of the early Puritans. Mrs. Cornish was of Welsh parentage and a native of the same county in which our subject was born. Mr. and Mrs. Cornish lived to be seventy-seven and sixty-two years of age respectively and were the parents of four children.

Newton was the eldest of the family and when eight years old accompanied his father to Sullivan county, N. Y., about 130 miles distant from New York city. There they lived in the woods in a log shanty, his father being engaged in peeling bark for tanning purposes, at which business he employed a large number of men. Newton was but a small boy, and his work consisted of carrying water and "soaking" mackerel for the employes. In 1855 his father moved to Kenoza Lake, N. Y., and located on a

farm, and there both he and his wife died and were buried. When our subject was fifteen years of age he hired out to a Mr. Slee, who employed him on his farm, and as remuneration for his services received \$8.00 per month. This was the first money he ever received for his work. After six months with Mr. Slee, he commenced as an apprentice in the tanning trade, at which he continued until 1859. That year he was placed in charge of the Pikepond tannery, which he conducted until August, 1862. By that time the war of the Rebellion was well advanced and volunteers were in demand, so Mr. Cornish decided to take up arms in the defense of his country and enlist; he was accordingly mustered into company K, One Hundred and Forty-third New York regiment, infantry, as a private, and detailed with Quartermaster Green of the Twenty-second army corps to work along the Leesburg & Alexandria railroad. He also participated in the Peninsular campaign under Gen. Dix, and on account of disability, after serving over two years, was discharged at Fairfax seminary. That was in 1863, and he returned at once to Pikepond, N. Y., arriving January 1, 1864. Until March of that year he was confined to his bed, the doctors in attendance giving up all hope of recovery. He convalesced, however, and the following September was able to take charge of a tannery known as the Pine Valley, making oak leather for the government. The business was conducted by G. W. Denniston, with whom our subject remained two years, leaving his employ to engage with E. Beach & Son of Milanville, Pa., in the same business with which concern he continued seventeen years. In 1881 he accepted a position with the firm of Hoyt Brothers of 72 Gold

street, New York city, to operate their tannery known as the Monroeville, located at Blossburg, Pa. This plant has a capacity of 500 sides per day, and after a year and a half's service there the same concern established a new tannery at Hoytville known as the Brunswick, which had a capacity of 1000 sides per day, and Mr. Cornish was put in charge of this. A year and a half later he resigned his position to come west, never having been further in that direction than Buffalo. That time, however, he got as far as Denver, Col., but the same year returned east and the following spring took charge of the Eulalie tannery at Coudersport, Pa., where he remained two years and then returned to Milanville, Pa. That same winter he assisted in re-modeling a tannery at Thornville, Pa., and when that work was finished took a trip to Warren county, that state. The year 1887 was spent in various places in New York and Pennsylvania, and in 1888 he removed to Turner county, Dak. Ter., and located at Parker. He brought with him from New York city a stock of dry goods, boots and shoes, etc., and immediately opened up a general store which he has continued ever since. Besides his city business Mr. Cornish has 320 acres of cultivated land one mile south of Parker, and this year raised thereon over 9,000 bushels of grain. He is also engaged extensively in stock-buying and shipping.

Mr. Cornish was married in 1884 to Miss Carrie Skinner, a native of Wayne county, Pa. They have no children. He is a staunch Republican and has been since his first presidential vote was cast for Lincoln in 1860. He is a member of the Delaware lodge No. 561, Masonic fraternity, of New York state.



**H**ANS CHRISTIANSON has been a member of the farming and stock-raising community of Clay county for the past twenty years, and is the proprietor of a farm in Glenwood township, which is under excellent improvement, and where he is extensively engaged in the pursuit of his chosen calling.

A native of Denmark, our subject was born July 24, 1839. He received his education in the local district schools of his native country, and under his father's instruction he early became a good practical farmer. He continued thus until 1868, when he decided on emigrating to America, and accordingly embarked in due time for the new world. After landing at Quebec he started for Racine county, Wis., where he worked at farm labor for about a year, and then for the next three years was engaged in lumbering in the woods of Michigan. On returning to Racine county he again took up farming as a means of livelihood, working out by the month, and in 1876 came to Dakota territory in search of a farm. He selected 160 acres in section 1 of Glenwood township, a part of his present estate, and this he purchased and settled on with his family. By able management and close application to his work he prospered, and in time added to his original farm another 160 acres, making in all 320 acres of as fine land as is to be found in the vicinity. Eighty acres of this tract are in Prairie township, Union county, just across the county line. The above property forms the basis of very extensive farming operations in which our subject is engaged, and is all improved and under cultivation.

Mr. and Mrs. Christianson have established an attractive home, and all who cross

its threshold are sure of a friendly and cordial welcome, and an invitation to share its comforts. The host and his amiable wife were united in marriage May 1, 1872, in Racine county, Wis., and to them have come four children, viz.: Chris and Walter M., and Hannah and Esther. Both the daughters are now deceased. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Christianson was Miss Sene Jensen, and she is, like her husband, a native of Denmark, born March 10, 1850.

Our subject is yet in the prime of life and has attained an assured position among the substantial men of his calling in this county, as he is possessed of an indomitable will, untiring perseverance, and an energetic character.

**J**OHN BRUYER, who is doing an extensive farming and stock-raising business on section 14 of Fairview township, Clay county, was born in France, September 17, 1843. His parents, August and Josephine (Simon) Bruyer, emigrated to this country in 1853, and are now living in this township, where they settled in 1859, after living at various times in Chicago, Dubuque, Sioux City and Nebraska.

Our subject accompanied his parents when they came to America, being about ten years of age at the time, and continued to make their home his abode until 1865, when he went to Montana to engage in mining. He stayed about a year and a half in the latter state and then returned to Clay county, living at home thereafter until his marriage, after which he settled on the farm whereon he now resides. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Miss Lucy Lemoges, was born in Syracuse, N. Y., of French







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parentage, and since their marriage, which occurred January 11, 1867, they have constantly resided on his estate of 545 acres in Fairview township. They have a fine residence in section 14, where they are living in contentment, surrounded by those of their family who yet remain at home. Ten children in all came to bless their union, viz.: Mary, Joseph, Albert, John, Jr., Peter, Charles, Louis, Emma, Allie and George.

Although most of his attention has been devoted to his farming interests, Mr. Bruyer has nevertheless found time to take an active interest in what is going on about him. He has been school treasurer and township assessor, and is now one of the supervisors of the township. He is also a member of the school board of district No. 8, and with his family belongs to the Catholic church in Fairview township.

**H**ON. JEREMIAH GEHON. The biographies of the citizens of Lincoln county are studded over with illustrious examples of the power of steadfast integrity and personal energy, and among these one of peculiar prominence is the record of the life of Mr. Gehon, who has obtained an enviable position in the community.

Our subject is a native of the Blue Grass state, and was born in Caldwell county, Ky., June 20, 1824. His father, George Gehon, removed from Kentucky to Illinois when Jeremiah was four or five years of age, and settled in Gallatin county, but only remained there two or three years, and then located in Morgan county, Mo. In 1840 he removed to Polk county, of the same state, and there, in 1841, passed from time to eternity. Mrs.

Gehon, who bore the maiden name of Miss Elizabeth Wolf, died in Howard county, Mo., about 1830.

Jeremiah Gehon made his home under the parental roof until the fall of 1840, when he struck out for himself. He was sixteen years of age at that time, and in company with his brother, Garland, who was afterwards killed in Missouri during the war of the rebellion, he left home, and located in Dubuque, Iowa. The following winter he spent there, and then crossed the Mississippi river into Grant county, Wis., where he spent the next three years working in the lead mines, some of the time on his own account and the balance for others. During the year 1844 he attended school at Platteville, Wis., and then secured employment in the woods at lumbering, which occupation he followed until 1847. That year he enlisted in the United States militia, of the state of Iowa, and for fourteen months was engaged with his regiment in transferring the Winnebago Indians from the Hawkeye state to Minnesota. After his term of service expired he returned to Minnesota, and followed freighting until the spring of 1852, when he started overland for California. He arrived at the foot-hills at what is now Placerville, the following August, and for the next three years was engaged in mining for the precious metal, but with only moderate success. He then decided on going to San Francisco, and, after arriving at that city, started up the Pacific coast, a distance of 125 miles, where he secured employment in the woods of that state in the lumber business from 1856 to the fall of 1857. He then went to Washington territory, where he followed the same occupation for about six months, at the expiration of which time he started on a prospect-

ing tour to the territory of British Columbia in search of gold. The trip was a very hard and dangerous one, being attended with much labor and suffering from exposure. On arrival at his destination, he began searching for the precious metal, and for three months met with very good success, but was obliged to abandon the undertaking at the end of that time as he was running short of provisions. He returned to the city of Victoria, and engaged in the restaurant and baking business for two months, then crossed the line to Washington territory, where he remained until the fall of 1859. Mr. Gehon possessed a hardy constitution, but, as the result of much hardship and exposure in all kinds of weather, he became afflicted with rheumatism, and he decided to leave the country. In the fall of 1859, as stated above, he started from San Francisco, and in due time arrived at his old home in Clayton county, Iowa. Here he engaged in farming quite extensively until 1868, when he arrived in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter.

Mr. Gehon entered a claim of 160 acres in Canton township, section 35, and has since made his home with his family there. The property he has greatly improved and brought to a high state of cultivation. He has erected good buildings for the housing of his grain and stock, and also a nice residence for himself and family. During his residence in the county he has been very successful in all his undertakings, and through unflagging industry has established himself on a firm financial basis. He is an intelligent and popular man, and has been influential in public and political circles, having been called upon to fill various positions of trust and responsibility. During the years of 1871-2 he served as a member of the

territorial council, having been elected to that position, and he also served as a delegate to the constitutional convention which convened at Sioux Falls, in 1885. He has besides the above positions held various township offices, and stands well in the community as a man of upright life, push and perseverance, who has always identified himself closely with the progress of the county and public in general. In politics he is a Populist, though he formerly affiliated with the Democratic party. Religiously he is liberal in his views and socially is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. Gehon won for his wife Miss Eliza J. Hyde, who was born in Greene county, Pa., January 26, 1830. Her parents, Samuel and Rebecca (Hunt) Hyde, were natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively, and were among the early settlers of Clayton county, Iowa, where they passed to their reward beyond the grave and where also their daughter became the wife of our subject May 5, 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Gehon are the parents of five children, one of whom, a son, died in infancy. The living are: Crittenden G.; Fannie E., who is now Mrs. C. W. Griswold, was educated at Augustana college and prior to her marriage was a teacher in Lincoln county, as well as Lyons county, Iowa; Martin E. was also educated at Augustana college and taught school in Lincoln county several years; and Rebecca A., the youngest, is a graduate of Augustana college, the Madison (South Dakota) normal school, and the college at Dixon, Ill. She has taught school in Lincoln county and is now pursuing her labors as an instructor in the Omaha public schools.

Our subject was a captain in the militia of the state of Iowa in 1864-5, and was

also a member of the board of supervisors of Clayton county, that state, in 1867-8.

The attention of the reader is directed to a portrait, on another page, of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch.

**J**AMES FEE. Among the gentlemen who are engaged in agriculture in Dayton township, Lincoln county, none are more useful in sustaining and extending its farming interests than Mr. Fee. He is one of the substantial and successful agriculturists and a man well versed in the best and most approved methods of operating a farm.

Mr. Fee is a native of the Emerald isle, and was born in county Antrim in 1833. He passed his boyhood days in Ireland, but when he was eighteen years of age he decided to emigrate to America in quest of fame and fortune, which he could never hope to attain in the downtrodden country of his birth. After crossing the Atlantic and arriving in the new world he located in New Jersey, where he found employment on a farm. For three years he continued thus, and then moved farther west, locating in Jackson county, Wis., where he remained for a period of two years, later coming to Ford county, Ill. In the latter county he purchased a farm of eighty acres, which he cultivated and resided on for several years prior to coming to Dakota territory. Mr. Fee arrived in Lincoln county in the fall of 1875 and purchased a man's right to homestead covering the quarter section of land on which he still makes his home. The property wasn't much better than raw prairie land when it came into his possession, but he started in to improve it, and has erected

thereon some good, serviceable buildings for the carrying on of his farming operations. Having made farming his life work he has gained much practical knowledge in the safe and successful operation of a farm, and is one of the county's prominent and progressive agriculturists. Although he has devoted his time and attention to his business mostly since coming to Lincoln county, still he has, like a good citizen should, taken an interest in local public affairs, and has held some of the township offices.

The home of Mr. Fee is under the skillful management of a lady who became his wife in New Jersey. She bore the maiden name of Jane Fury, and was born in 1834 in county Roscommon, Ireland, and by her union with our subject they are the parents of six children: Mary Ann, the wife of Paul Bankson; Lizzie, the wife of A. H. Wells; Nellie, the wife of Thomas Leverett; James W., Thomas and Rachel. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fee are members of the Presbyterian church.

**F**REDERICK FIELDS, the proprietor of one of the fine farms of Turner township, Turner county, ranks among the prominent citizens of the community. Since 1877 he has been identified with the agricultural interests of the county and has aided materially in the development and upbuilding of the township where he makes his home. The Fields family from which he is descended is of Scotch extraction, his father, John Fields, being a native of the land of heather. Mrs. Fields, the mother of our subject was born in Canada and in her maidenhood was known as Miss Sophia Sophy.

Of a family of four children Frederick was the eldest son, and as both his parents died when he was quite young he was early thrown on his own resources. He lived with different people in various parts of the eastern states and Canada until he grew to manhood, and was engaged principally during the more mature years of his life in grading railroad beds in New York and Pennsylvania. June 26, 1870, he led to the marriage altar Miss Almina Brossor, who was born in Burlington, Vt., December 5, 1854, and a year and a half after their marriage, which occurred in Glens Falls, N. Y., Mr. Fields and his young wife removed to the state of Iowa. He secured employment in the stone quarries in Jones county, which occupation he followed for about six years, and then in the spring of 1877 came to Dakota territory and took up as a homestead a quarter section of land in Turner township, Turner county, on which he and his family have since resided. For several years after his arrival in the territory he worked off and on at grading on railroads in this state and also in Iowa; but since about 1885 has devoted his entire time and attention to the improvement and cultivation of his farm, which consists of 400 broad and fertile acres that pay him a golden tribute for the labor expended in tilling.

Mr. and Mrs. Fields have been blessed in their happy married life by the advent of a family of eleven children, viz.: Louisa, the wife of Morell Sophy; Fred W., Mary A., Joseph E., Emma J., John A., Moses A., Charles H., Sarah E., George E. and Alfred J. Mrs. Fields is a capable housekeeper, an affectionate and devoted mother and an excellent neighbor, and the family are members of the Catholic church at

Davis. Mr. Fields has been a school officer and has held various of the township offices, and in all local affairs takes an active interest.

JACOB G. BECK, senior member of the general merchandising firm of Beck, Wendt & Co., who probably do the most extensive business of the kind in Parker, is a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and was born March 15, 1863. He is a son of Martin and Rebecca (Stone) Beck, both natives of Lancaster county, Pa., where they were reared to maturity, married and died, the former at the age of sixty-seven years, and the latter in 1863. Mr. Beck traces his ancestors back as far as 1742, in fact has now in his possession a deed to a piece of land in his native country dated in that year. They were the parents of fourteen children, five of whom are now living, besides the subject of this sketch, viz.: Emma, Lavina, Alice, Elias, and Ambrose, the latter a contractor and builder located at Philadelphia, Pa.

Jacob was the youngest of the family, and but five days old when he lost the best friend a boy ever had—his mother. He was raised by his eldest sister until five years of age, and his father having subsequently married again, was then taken care of by his step-mother until he reached the age of ten years, at which time he left home. A year later he entered the Lincoln Institute, a soldiers' and orphans' home, where he remained until sixteen years of age. His brother, Ambrose, was assistant superintendent of the institution at that time, and together they came west to South Dakota, locating nine miles south of Sioux Falls on

the "Meade farm." Mr. Beck, before he was seventeen years old, taught the Meade farm school, and later other schools, teaching in all about eleven terms. He also worked on the railroad as section hand and brakeman on a gravel train. In the meantime his sister Emina had purchased 160 acres of land on section 18, Brothersfield township, Turner county, and our subject then invested his savings in property, adding 200 acres to his sister's farm. They kept the land for five years and then disposed of it, making a profit of over \$1,400. Mr. Beck then came to Parker and engaged as a clerk for W. A. Goodykooztz, proprietor of the "Chicago Clothing House," and with him remained two years. At the expiration of that time he went to Sibley, Iowa, where he found employment as a clerk with Brown & Chambers, general merchants. He invested his capital in Sibley real-estate, and after four and a half years' residence there, sold out his interest. That was in 1892, and the same year he returned to Parker and established his present flourishing business. The original location of the firm was in the Cathcart block, where they carried on operations until 1894, but by that time the business had assumed such large proportions that they were compelled to secure roomier quarters, and accordingly moved to their present location in the Kendall block. In addition to the store business, the firm also owns and operates the Parker house.

Mr. Beck was united in marriage March 20, 1886, to Miss Lena R. Wendt, a native of Wisconsin, and a daughter of August Wendt, who is now a resident of section 18, Brothersfield township, Turner county. This union has been blest with one son, August

J. Mr. Beck is a member of the A.O.U.W. at Parker, and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee. Politically, he is a Republican, and at one time was an alderman in the city council.

**F**RANK MCGUIGAN, a representative farmer and stock raiser of Fairview township, Clay county, is a native of the Emerald Isle, born in County Derry in 1839. His father and mother, Lawrence and Catherine (Bradley) McGuigan, emigrated, in 1848, to America and settled in Dubuque county, Iowa, they being among the pioneers of that county, and there they both passed to their reward beyond the grave.

Of the seven children born to Mr. McGuigan and his wife, Frank, the subject of this short life history, was the youngest. He accompanied his parents when they left the downtrodden country of his birth for the land of the free and settled with them in the Hawkeye state. On his father's farm he grew to a vigorous and sturdy manhood, and remained a member of the parental household until his marriage, which important event in his career took place at Farley, Dubuque county, Iowa, in 1865. The bride, Miss Salina Robillard, was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1846, and is a daughter of Michael and Catherine (Dennie) Robillard. After the performance of the ceremony which united their lives the young couple settled in Farley, Mr. McGuigan then having a position in a stone quarry at that place. Later on he farmed one year and then in the spring of 1870 came with his family to Dakota territory. He first located in Brule township, Union county, taking up a home-

stead of 160 acres, and after improving the property and living there for a period of seven years he sold out and purchased the farm whereon he now makes his home in Fairview township of Clay county. He cultivates 170 acres, part of which lies in Union county, and on this land he has made various substantial improvements in the way of farm buildings, neat fences, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. McGuigan are the parents of nine children, of whom we note the following record: William L., Salina A., who married Patrick McMahon, died when about twenty-three years of age; Mary J., Julia A., Francis H., Rose E., Charles J., Camilla and Alice. Mr. McGuigan is a devout Christian, and with his family belongs to the Catholic church in Fairview township. He has been identified with the erection of many churches in various places, and is liberal in contributing of his means to religious institutions.

**D**AVID S. LANTAFF. In this broad and glorious country of ours, where industry and natural ability are the two leading powers in the commercial world, we find natives of every country who have given up the home of their childhood and journeyed forth to seek a broader field for their labor. And as a rule the foreigners who come here prospecting, as it were, remain, and in the course of time become naturalized citizens, and bring with them the habits of industry and firmness of character that enable them to achieve a grand success in their chosen line of labor.

Our subject's birth occurred in Huntingdonshire, England, December 25, 1852, being

the youngest of a family of nine children born to William and Rhoda (Story) Lantaff. His education was acquired in his native land, where the first seventeen years of his life were spent, he at that time emigrating to the United States. The first location in which he found employment was in Walworth county, Wis., where he labored on a farm until the spring of 1873, at that time coming to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., where he took up a claim of eighty acres in Lynn township, Lincoln county, on which he resided eighteen months, and then returned to Walworth county, Wis., again and engaged in farm work for the next two or three years. The next nine or ten years of his existence he spent in Nevada, farming most of the time, and then in the spring of 1885 he again made his appearance in Lincoln county, this time settling on the farm where he now lives in Canton township. Mr. Lantaff's chief attention has been paid to his personal affairs and the enjoyment of domestic life. He owns a fine estate of 250 acres of fertile land, and has surrounded himself with many conveniences in the way of farm buildings, improved machines and the various adornments of a rural abode.

Mr. Lantaff was married while sojourning in Nevada, the ceremony taking place at Wells, February 18, 1885, at which Miss Myra G. Griswold was the bride. Mrs. Lantaff is a native of Gentry county, Mo., and was born September 3, 1865, a daughter of Oscar and Reliance (Brown) Griswold, natives of Vermont and New York respectively. Mrs. Griswold died in Gentry county, Mo., in 1873, but her husband still survives. They were the parents of nine children, six sons and three daughters, Mrs.



Lantaff being the eighth child in order of their birth. Mr. and Mrs. Lantaff have been blessed in their union by the advent of four children, one of whom died in infancy. Those surviving are: Alfred Leroy, Mary Alice and Wayne B.

**O**LIVER CHAUSSEE, one of the younger members of the farming community of Fairview township, Clay county, where he was born October 29, 1863, is a son of Charles and Zoway (Lauderman) Chaussee, who were among the earliest settlers of Clay county. They had seven children, Oliver being the youngest, and he has passed his entire life in Clay county. He received a good common-school education, and was reared amid home influences on his father's farm, remaining with his parents until his marriage, which occurred in Fairview township, October 21, 1885, Miss Celia Washburn, a native of Illinois, being the bride. Her father, H. C. Washburn, still survives, but her mother, who bore the maiden name of Miss Elizabeth Cook, died in Vermillion, October 10, 1895.

After their wedding Mr. and Mrs. Chaussee settled on the property where they now live in section 15 of Fairview township. The farm consists of eighty acres of well-improved land, which is adorned by various out-buildings of a substantial nature, and all in all, it forms a valuable piece of property, on which a profitable business may well be done by a gentleman of Mr. Chaussee's grit and enterprise. His life has been marked by thrift and industry, and as he is yet a young man, he bids fair to become one of Clay county's wealthy citizens in time.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chaussee have been born three children, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Lula M., Myrtie D. and Laura L. Mr. Chaussee belongs to the Catholic church, and has been serving as constable of Fairview township for several years; in fact, he has been closely identified with all matters of a public nature. He is also prominent in political affairs, and gives his support to the People's party.

**D**ERRILL F. DAVIS. This gentleman occupies an excellent station among the farmers of Highland township, Lincoln county, to which he is fairly entitled by the success with which he has met in the prosecution of his chosen vocation. At present his estate consists of 160 acres in section 1, whereon he has erected a complete line of first-class buildings, set out numerous fruit and shade trees, and otherwise adapted it for the habitation of people of intelligence and good taste. He uses the latest modern implements for the cultivation and garnering of his crops, and besides his farm interests also acts as agent for the St. Croix lumber company, which position he has held for some four years.

The father and mother of our subject, Pardon and Sarah S. (Thomas) Davis, were natives of Maine and New Hampshire, respectively, and after their marriage they settled in Lamoille county, Vt. In 1857 they came to Clinton county, Iowa, and located on a farm near what is now Delmar. There they continued to make their home for several years and then removed to Buchanan county, of the same state, set-

ting near Jesup, where the father passed away late in the '70s. Mrs. Davis still survives.

Of the eight children born to the above couple our subject was the sixth, and first saw the light in Lamoille county, Vt., November 19, 1848. He had attained the age of nine years when his parents left that state for Iowa, and in Clinton and Buchanan counties of the latter state he passed his youth and grew to manhood. He was the fortunate recipient of such good educational privileges that he became well versed in the common and high-school branches, having completed his education in the high school at Waterloo, Iowa. The first business he engaged in after leaving home and a farm life, was the sale of agricultural implements, and this he followed for a period of ten years in Waterloo, at the expiration of which time he started on the road as traveling salesman in the same line. After occupying himself for several years at this, his father being in poor health, he returned to the home farm, and became the manager of the old homestead for two or three years. In the spring of 1879, however, he again struck out for himself, and this time came to the territory of Dakota. For two seasons he rented land on which to conduct his farming operations, and then in the fall of 1880 he purchased the 160 acres which at present constitute the base of his agriculture pursuits. As stated above he has erected some very fine improvements in the shape of good, substantial buildings, and his land is all under an excellent state of cultivation, having been for several years carefully tilled. He takes an active interest in local affairs, and is looked upon as a man of intelligence and foresight, who carefully weighs all matters

pertaining to his own career as well as to the welfare of the community in general. Socially he belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Davis has been twice married. His first bride was Miss Mary McGovern, a native of Wisconsin, to whom he was wedded in Buchanan county, Iowa, December 25, 1869. To this union there were seven children born, viz.: Arthur, who died when about sixteen years of age; William M., Katie, who was drowned in the Big Sioux river, when eighteen years old; Leo E., May V., Blanche, Inez, and Aggie. Mrs. Davis passed to the silent world in Lincoln county, April 24, 1889, and our subject subsequently married his present wife. This lady bore the maiden name of Miss Susan McCombs, and was born in Pennsylvania. Since their marriage, which took place December 22, 1892, two children have come to bless the union, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Winnifred S., and Madge F. Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis are devout Christians, and members of the Baptist church, Mr. Davis being one of the charter members of that denomination at Canton, S. Dak.

**H**OMER L. WATERMAN. This venerable gentleman has been a resident of Clay county since the fall of 1871, at which time he took up a farm near Bloomingdale, and nine years later moved to the property whereon he now lives. His parents, James and Nellie (Howard) Waterman, were both natives of New England, and after their marriage they settled in Windham county, Vt., where they both died, Mr. Waterman at the age of sixty years and his wife when eighty-four years old.

Of the two sons and two daughters born

to this couple our subject was the youngest, and first opened his eyes to the light of day in Jamaica, Windham Co., Vt., October 8, 1822. When he was five years of age his father died, but he continued to make his home with his mother in his native town until 1854, working at farming during his younger days and teaching music later on. In 1854 he left the Green Mountain state and located in Bureau county, Ill., living there until 1869, then near Eldora, Iowa, for about two years, at the expiration of which time he came to Dakota territory and settled near Bloomingdale, as stated above. Thesecond year after locating where he now lives, in section 4 of Vermillion township, he was washed out by the flood and lost all his personal effects; but he has by persevering effort regained his former standing and is now enabled to pass the evening of his life in peace and comfort. Farming has been his chief business since coming to Dakota though he also taught music during the winter months for several years.

Mr. Waterman has been twice married. His first wife bore the maiden name of Miss Frances Chamberlain, and a family of twelve children came to bless their union, eight of whom are still spared to this world, viz.: Emma, the wife of Daniel H. Doan; Alice, the widow of Frank Hathorn; Anna, now Mrs. Joseph G. Best; William, who married Miss Tillie Peterson; George E., who married Miss Rosa Chaussee; Charles F., who married Miss Martha S. Thorson; Ida, the wife of James Eicher; and Benjamin, who married Miss Genie Peterson. The deceased children are Addie, Ella, Fredrick, and one who died in infancy.

The present wife of Mr. Waterman was formerly Mrs. Lois Ann Patten, *nee* Good-

rich. She was born in Seneca county, N. Y., October 9, 1827, and is a daughter of Moses and Susan E. (Baskins) Goodrich, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter born in Seneca county, N. Y. Mrs. Goodrich died there and her husband subsequently removed to Galena, Ill., where he also passed to the world beyond.

Mr. Waterman has held some of the township offices, and has taken quite an interest in all affairs of a local nature. He is well-preserved considering his age and highly esteemed and respected.

**JACKSON A. DAVIS.** This gentleman now owns and operates his father's farm of 160 acres, in section 4, of Turner township, Turner county. Most of the land is tillable, and altogether it forms as good a farm as can be found in the county. It is supplied with large substantial farm buildings of various kinds, neat, well-kept fences and other improvements which make it a valuable piece of property. Some of the improvements have been made by our subject since the place came into his possession, and those which had previously been made are kept up in first-class style.

Henry C. Davis was born in Milton, Vt., July 6, 1821. He grew to manhood in his native place, being reared to the life of a farmer, and early in the '40s emigrated from the Green Mountain state to Illinois. He engaged in farming in McHenry county and was there married, July 3, 1845, to Miss Catherine Burt, a native of St. Catherines, Ont. After their wedding they settled on his farm in the Prairie state and continued to make their home there until the spring of

1871, coming at that time to the territory of Dakota and locating on the farm which our subject, their son, now owns. During his ten years of residence in Turner county Henry C. Davis was well and favorably known, and was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which his wife, who survives him, also holds membership and has been a teacher in the Sunday school for the past sixteen years. He passed from time to eternity April 23, 1881. Mrs. Davis subsequently married, May 1, 1892, Rev. I. G. W. Chase, a minister in the United Brethren church, but since his death, which occurred December 1, 1893, she has been residing with her son on the old homestead.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Davis, Jackson A., whose name introduces this sketch, and Sarah C. The former first opened his eyes to the light February 10, 1847, his birth place being McHenry county, Ill., and there he grew up to man's estate on his father's farm, being reared in the manner customary to farmers' sons and receiving his education in the district schools. He continued to reside with his parents most of the time until 1871, when he accompanied them to Dakota, and to-day he is one of the earliest settlers living who has constantly resided in Turner county. He has always followed agriculture and, as stated above, now owns the old homestead in Turner township on which he is carrying on a general farming business.

Our subject has had since January 23, 1876, the assistance of one who has been to him all that a devoted wife can be. Mrs. Davis bore the maiden name of Mrs. Edna V. Hill, is a native of Pennsylvania, where she was born September 14, 1855, and by

her marriage to our subject, which took place in Turner township, has become the mother of two children—Ella C., deceased, and Nellie M. The former died when but a year and a half of age.

Mr. Davis is considered one of the most reputable citizens and possesses the firmness and force of character without which success is unattainable in any walk of life. He was the first sheriff elected by the people in Turner county, holding that office two years, also served as county assessor, and is now a justice of the peace. Politically he is a staunch Republican and was a delegate to the first convention held in South Dakota after she was admitted to statehood. Not only in local matters is he prominent but also in religious affairs, both he and his wife being active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is now and has been for several years the superintendent of the Sunday school.

**B**ENJAMIN GILMORE, deceased, formerly one of Lincoln county's general farmers who later lived a retired life in the village of Lennox, was born in Steuben county, N. Y., in 1810, his father being of Irish descent and his mother of German parentage. In the Empire state he grew to maturity and there received a good common-school education. His first employment was at cutting ship timbers in the woods in the vicinity of his home. He was married the first time in 1842 to Mrs. Mary M. Robbins, by whom he was the parent of one child, Martha, who became the wife of W. Henderson. She is now deceased, but two of her daughters live near Penn Yan, N. Y. After his first wife's

death Mr. Gilmore subsequently married Jane Hemenway, in 1849, and by this union became the father of six children, viz.: Elmer E., Mary, Emmet, Jane and Lucy, who died at the age of two months, and Roselle, who died aged four years. A sketch of the eldest child, Elmer E., follows; Mary married John W. Aldrich and resides near Verndale, Minn.; Emmet also lives near Verndale, Minn., and Jane became the wife of Wesley Negus, formerly of South Dakota, but now residing in Missouri. With his family Mr. Gilmore, Sr., left New York in 1853 and settled in Dane county, Wis., remaining there ten years and then locating in Floyd county, Iowa, where he lived until about 1873, when he removed to Lincoln county, Dak. Ter. He originally took up a claim which he cultivated and proved up on, and when the town of Lennox was laid out in 1879, removed to that village where he engaged in the confectionery business and resided until his death, May 7, 1888. His third wife was Mrs. Catharine Keintz, who survived him until 1895, when she also passed from time to eternity.

ELMER E. GILMORE was born in Schuyler county, N. Y., in 1851, and his parents two years later brought him with them on their journey west. When the family located in Lincoln county, Dak. Ter., he came with them and took up a claim in the same county, but this property he soon sold out and returned to Iowa in 1876. In August, 1881, he was married to Miss Fannie Martin at Vinton, of that state, Mrs. Gilmore's parents have since returned to their native state of Virginia. The same year, 1881, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore came to the town of Lennox, where they have since resided. He has been engaged in various enterprises but

just at present conducts a confectionery and fruit store. Politically he is a Republican and was appointed postmaster of Lennox during the latter part of President Harrison's administration which position he held for two years of President Cleveland's second term of office also. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and he and wife are the parents of three children, viz.: Hazel, Clyde and Nina.

ABRAHAM CHAUSSEE, a well-known citizen and agriculturist of Clay county, is a native of Canada.

His parents, Michael and Alice (King) Chaussee, were born, raised and married in Canada, and after their wedding they settled in Montreal, where our subject was born in September, 1843. The family removed to the "states" and located in Dubuque county, Iowa, where they settled on a farm, and early in the '60s left the Hawkeye state for Dakota territory. They settled on a claim in Union county, and there Mr. Chaussee passed to the world beyond, April 18, 1891.

They had twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, and our subject was the second in order of birth. He was two and a half years of age when his parents removed to Dubuque county, Iowa, and there he grew to be eighteen years old on his father's farm, assisting in its cultivation and attending the common schools of the neighborhood for an education. When the family emigrated to Dakota, Abraham accompanied them hither. He remained at home until 1866, when he was married, and then located on a homestead in Union county. That property he made the base of his

operations for five years and then purchased the farm on which he now lives in section 13 of Fairview township, Clay county. He formerly owned 640 acres, but he has since disposed of a quarter section and now devotes his time and attention to the cultivation of the balance, on which good, solidly constructed buildings have been erected, and the place improved in various other ways.

March 3, 1866, was the date of the marriage of our subject to Miss Rosa Bruyer, who was born in France, October 6, 1846. Mrs. Chaussee is a daughter of August and Josephine (Simon) Bruyer, who are old settlers of Clay county. They had a family of four children who grew to man and womanhood, three sons and one daughter, and Mrs. Chaussee was the second child in order of birth, and came to America with her parents when but six years old. Mr. Chaussee and his wife have been blessed in their married life by four children, Philip A., John A., Rose E. and Louis J., and the family are members of the Catholic church in Fairviw township.

**T**HOMAS B. QUIGLEY, a well-to-do and highly respected citizen of Perry township, Lincoln county, where he is engaged extensively in the pursuit of agriculture, is a native of Roscommon county, Ireland. He is a son of Bartholomew and Mary (Brachena) Quigley, both natives of the "Emerald Isle" who were the parents of eight children, five of whom besides the subject of this sketch grew to maturity. They are: Bridget, the wife of Bartlett Burk, of California; Patrick, now a resident of Sioux county, Iowa;

Ann, the wife of Thomas Burns, of Rock county, Wis.; Mary, who married Michael Harney, now residing in Lincoln county, S. Dak.; and Daniel, who died in California, a bachelor.

Thomas B. was but eleven years old when his parents emigrated from the down-trodden country of their birth to the land of the free and settled in Edgerton, Rock Co., Wis. That was in 1856, and in 1862 Mr. Quigley responded to the call for troops to defend the national honor and enlisted in company E, Thirty-third Wisconsin regiment, infantry. The regiment was at once transferred to the front in Tennessee and he served at different times under Generals Grant, Sherman and McPherson until after the fall of Vicksburg. He was in the battle of Coldwater, Miss., and Tupela, of the same state, the latter engagement being about the fiercest and hardest fought little battle Mr. Quigley participated in. He served until September, 1865, when he came home and was mustered out at Madison, Wis. He immediately returned to Rock county and in 1869 was united in wedlock to Miss Bessie Durmin. In 1871 he and his wife located at Baraboo, Wis., and in 1878, came to Lincoln ceunty, Dak. Ter., filing on the claim on which they still reside. He now owns a half section of land, well-improved, on which he recently erected a beautiful home, that is ably presided over by his wife, an estimable lady, who is the mother of seven children, as follows: Robert B., Thomas, Daniel, Lizzie, Celia, Nellie and George.

In a business sense Mr. Quigley has been very successful in his enterprises, and, although confining his energies almost exclusively to the tilling of the soil, he has always

found time to take an active interest in the welfare of the community in which he has so long resided, giving his hearty support to the advancement of any worthy enterprise. He began life poor in this world's goods and chattels, but possessed an indomitable will and an inexhaustible fund of energy, which he has carefully applied to his chosen business, and has accumulated a competence of no mean extent. He is a well-to-do man in all that the term implies, and as a soldier served faithfully and well. It is a pleasure now to himself and friends to look back over bygone days and remember that he took an active part in the preservation of the Union. He is both mentally and physically well-preserved, and has been a remarkably strong man, which gift of nature stood him in good stead in the cultivation of his farm. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party, and is a member of the G. A. R. post at Lennox. The family are all devout members of and regular attendants at the Catholic church.

**T**HOMAS H. WEEKS is carrying on agriculture in Spirit Mound township, Clay county, with the success that has placed him among its prosperous farmers. He was born near Bergen, Norway, March 8, 1845. He grew to be a lad of fifteen years in his native land, and during this time attended the common schools of the neighborhood wherein he resided and assisted in farm work. In the fall of 1860 with his parents he emigrated to America and accompanied them to Dakota territory, where they settled on a farm in Vermillion township, Clay county. After several years spent there they removed

to Spirit Mound township, and on a farm in this latter place they both passed to the world beyond.

Of a family of five children born to this couple the gentleman of whom we write was the second in order of birth. After coming to Dakota territory he continued to live with his father most of the time, helping him in the cultivation of the farm until his death. He was bred to farm life and this has been his chief business. His estate of 280 acres on section 34 of Spirit Mound township is under excellent cultivation, has many fine improvements, and is one of the choice pieces of property of this section of the county. Our subject is a whole-souled, warm-hearted man, and is well liked by all who know him, and is trusted by all with whom he has dealings, as his honesty and integrity are indisputable.

In this brief history of his life we must not forget to call attention to Mr. Weeks' war record, as three years and two months of his life were spent by him as a soldier under the stars and stripes. He enlisted in the spring of 1862 in company A, Dakota cavalry, and during his entire term of service was engaged in campaigns against hostile Indians, finally being honorably discharged in 1865 and sent home.

**A**NDREW P. PETERSON. The biographical writer is always pleased to note evidence of prosperity and to record the successes that are won by an honest, industrious life. Especially is this true when, as in the case of Mr. Peterson, a man has risen by his own efforts from very meagre circumstances to a state of comparative affluence and plenty.



The parents of the gentleman whose name introduces these few brief paragraphs were Peter and Bertha Austina (Anderson) Peterson, both natives of Sweden, the former born September 29, 1811, and the latter March 15, 1814. They came to America in 1870 and located on section 15 of Big Springs township, Union county, where Mrs. Peterson was overtaken by the grim traveler, Death, September 13, 1896. Mr. Peterson still survives. They were the parents of ten children, seven of whom are still living, viz.: John Henry, Mary, the wife of P. A. Anderson; Andrew P., August, Fred, Lena Lang and Gust.

The life of Andrew P. Peterson has been one of discouragement ever since he first saw the light, which was December 22, 1841. To start with, his education was decidedly limited, one week covering his entire attendance at any institution of learning, which was little better than no schooling at all. However, he secured a position as driver for a lawyer in the old country, and while serving in this capacity learned to read and write. He grew to manhood in his native land and followed the trade of blacksmith as a means of livelihood, working for one of his employers continuously for five years. He was married in Sweden to Miss Anna Sophia Anderson, also a native of that country, born in 1831, the ceremony occurring in December, 1866. Two years later Mr. Peterson came to America alone in search of a new home, where he hoped to gain that state of independence which he almost dared not think of attaining in the land of his birth. He arrived in Chicago in May, 1868, and the next year sent for his family to join him, having decided to come north. When his family arrived in Chicago

they started for Dakota, together with five other emigrant families who made up the party.

Mr. Peterson had comparatively nothing when he arrived in Union county, and through the hospitality of a Mr. Peter Johnson, stayed with his family in a cellar owned by that gentleman until he could save some money to homestead a claim and buy a couple of cows and a second-hand stove. With this outfit, which was completed by a flour barrel with a board thrown over it for a table, our subject and his good wife took up their residence in a "dug-out" on the claim which he had entered. This primitive abode sheltered them for a period of twelve years, and was for the most part constructed by Mrs. Peterson, she digging it while her husband was at work. The severity of the hardships and privations they passed through can be realized only by those who have had similar experiences. Mr. Peterson was acquainted with poverty, and stood it fairly well, but his young wife was unused to such surroundings, and the life fell doubly hard on her shoulders. She shed many a silent tear, but like the good and faithful helpmate and mother that she was, bore it uncomplainingly, striving to cheer her husband and family by her own apparent happiness and womanly ways, and making the best of it. She went to her reward beyond the grave after sixty-three years of useful life, dying May 10, 1894, and was buried in the Baptist cemetery in Big Springs township. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Peterson four are still living, viz.: Mary Ruth and Ida L., twin sisters, the former now the wife of Eric W. Ericson; Hannah K. and Tilda V. David, the eldest, is dead. All the children have had the advantage of good educations,



two of the daughters having been students at College View, Lincoln, Neb., and Ida L. is now, and has been for several years, librarian of the Seventh Day Adventist church, to which denomination all the members of the family belong.

Mr. Peterson is the oldest settler now living in the vicinity of his home, and has resided there continuously ever since coming to Union county with the exception of a few months at a time when he worked at his trade in Sioux City. All the improvements on his farm of 160 acres, which is located in section 14 of Big Springs township, are the result of his own labor, and include seven acres of timber, which he set out himself, and a nice comfortable residence. This latter took the place of the sod shanty they lived in after leaving the original "dug out." He has served his fellow townsmen in various official capacities, having been a school director for six years and also a justice of the peace. Politically he has been a Republican, but now votes independent of party affiliations, using his right of suffrage in supporting the man who, in his judgment, is best fitted to assume the duties of the office he is a candidate for.

**K**NUD SIMONSEN. The agricultural element that has been so prominent in promoting the rise and growth of Clay county is finely represented by this gentleman, who is one of the well-to-do farmers of Spirit Mound township, where he has a well-appointed farm.

Knud Simonsen was born in Norway, near Bergen, January 1, 1837, and was reared and educated in his native country.

In 1861 he emigrated from his mother country to America, and on landing came direct to Grundy county, Ill., from where, after a residence of three years, he started for Benton county, Iowa. The following five years Mr. Simonsen was employed as a section hand on the C. & N. W. railroad in the Hawkeye state, and during that time, in 1866, he purchased forty acres of land in Benton county, which he operated in connection with his work on the railroad until the fall of 1868, coming then to Dakota Territory. He filed on a homestead of 160 acres in Spirit Mound township, which he settled on in the fall of the same year, and he has ever since made this property his home. With characteristic energy he at once entered upon its improvement, and continually extended his operations until at one time he was the owner of between 400 and 500 acres. He has given much of this property, however, to his sons, and now devotes his time and attention to the cultivation of the 260 acres which he still retains. It has ample and well-arranged buildings, is nicely situated and neatly fenced, and all the land is tillable.

Our subject was married to his estimable wife in Grundy county, Ill., the ceremony being performed August 8, 1861, at which time Miss Mattie Samuelson became Mrs. Simonsen. She, like her husband, was born in Norway, her natal day being February 1, 1837, and came to this country on the same boat as did our subject. Their married life has been blessed to them by the advent of five children, on whom have been bestowed the following names: Sigvald M., Samuel B., Nels O., Oscar F. and Anna M. The family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, in which Mr.

Simonsen has taken an active part, and he is, with his wife, among the prominent workers of the church. He is accorded a high place in the citizenship of Clay county; as he has been a potent factor in its growth, and possesses all the elements of a true and loyal citizen. He has been school treasurer a period of twenty-two years, and also for several years treasurer of the township, as well as assessor, in which capacities he discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the entire community.

**P**ETER C. CLELAND, who is one of the prominent and progressive members of the farming community of Spirit Mound township, Clay county, in section 1 of which he is carrying on a general farming business, is a son of James and Mary (Wilson) Cleland, a short sketch of whom will be found in the biography of the brother of our subject, Hon. J. M. Cleland, on another page of this record. He was born November 30, 1847, near Whitewater, Wis., and on his father's farm there was reared to maturity and bred to the life of a farmer. In the spring of 1869 he left his native place for Dakota territory, and on arrival located on a farm in Spirit Mound township, Clay county, of which he has since been a resident.

Mr. Cleland, during the Civil war, served nine months in the ranks, his regiment being the Third Wisconsin regiment, infantry, in which he enlisted in the fall of 1864. Since coming to Dakota he has been exclusively engaged in farming, and his present estate of 120 acres in sections 1 and 2 of Spirit Mound township is one of the best farms of its size to be found in the county. Polit-

ically, he affiliates with the Populist party, and stanchly supports the principles of that party by both voice and vote. He has held various of the township offices, has also been a member of the town board, and in all local affairs takes an active interest.

The marriage of Mr. Cleland and Miss Nellie Kimball, a native of Kane county, Ill., was celebrated in Spirit Mound township, March 12, 1876, and to this union have been born three children, two of whom survive, viz.: Annie B. and Philip J. Blanche L. died when but six years of age. Mrs. Cleland was born April 10, 1855, and is a daughter of Jonathan and Hannah (Rotnour) Kimball. They removed from Kane county, Ill., to Clay county, Dak. Ter., in 1868, and settled in Spirit Mound township, where they both died. Mr. Kimball was a prominent man during his life, and a member of the committee which framed the first and second state constitutions. Five children were born to him and his estimable wife, and of this family Mrs. Cleland was the third. Mr. and Mrs. Cleland hold membership in the Methodist church at Bloomingdale.

**F**RANK L. NOAHR, the able and efficient editor and publisher of the *Lennox Independent*, is a native of the "Prairie state," and was born in Batavia. When he was less than a year old his parents left Illinois and removed to Waterloo, Iowa, where they remained several years, locating next in Grundy county of the same state. In 1881, when he was yet a lad, the family settled in Sanborn county, Dak. Ter., and there our subject grew to manhood. His early education was





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had in Iowa, and in 1887, after living in Dakota for about six years, he decided to engage in the "art preservative of all arts," and entered as an apprentice in the office of the paper which he now controls. His first occupation was at type-setting for his uncle for his board, and after he had become proficient in that line was paid \$3 per week as remuneration for his services. In another year he bought the business which he has since managed and conducted. He has worked incessantly in bettering and improving his paper with each issue, and has increased the circulation in three years to nearly double what it was at the time of his purchase.

In 1892 Mr. Noahr was married to Miss Lena M. Howard, a daughter of Harvey Howard, now a resident of Lincoln county, and this union has been blessed with one daughter, Gladys. Lewis Noahr, the father of our subject, still resides in Sanborn county, S. Dak. He was born in Detroit, Mich., where he grew to maturity. He was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion during the last year of its existence and until the close of hostilities.

**H**ON. J. E. SINCLAIR, one of the enterprising and progressive business men of Beresford, where he has been engaged in the agricultural implement business since the town was started, being the first to embark in that line there, is a native of the province of Ontario, Canada, born in Brant county, September 15, 1850. His father, John C. Sinclair, who was by occupation a farmer and merchant, was also a native of Canada, and of Highland-Scotch descent, his father, Alex. Sin-

clair, having been born in the "land of heather." The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Miss Esther Scott; was, like her husband, a native of Canada and also of Scotch ancestry, both her parents having been born in that country.

J. E. Sinclair was the eldest of a family of twelve children, born to the above couple, six of whom, besides our subject, still survive, and was about four years of age when his parents brought him with them to the states. The family located first in Ionia county, Mich., and there our subject grew to be a good-sized lad. During his boyhood he attended the district schools in winter and in summer assisted on the farm, making his home in the Wolverine state until 1867, at which time he accompanied his parents to Dakota territory. Mr. Sinclair, Sr., located in what is now Sioux Valley township, Union county, and four years later, when our subject attained his majority, he entered a homestead of government land for himself in Prairie township. On this property he built a house, 10x10 feet, with one window, which hung on a nail on the inside, and then he and his brother took up their headquarters there as bachelors. At the expiration of two years a better building was constructed, and in 1879 Mr. Sinclair took a most important step in his career—his marriage to Miss Angia M. Disbrow, who, a few years previous, had come from her native state of Wisconsin.

After the ceremony was performed the young couple began their domestic life on the farm where they continued to reside until 1887, that year coming to Beresford. As previously stated, Mr. Sinclair engaged in his present business when the town of Beresford was located, in 1883, but for four

years after he still conducted general farming operations on his farm, and he yet retains possession of the old homestead of 320 acres, from the rent of which he derives some income.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair's married life has been productive of three children, their only sorrow being in the death of the two youngest, Ward and Lois. The former died in 1888 at the age of one and a half years, and the latter in 1895, aged four and a half years. Esther A., the eldest, resides at home. Mr. Sinclair politically is a staunch Republican, and takes quite an active interest in local and political affairs. He was a member of the legislature in 1889, and in 1894 was elected on the Republican ticket to the state senate, in which body he served one term. Religiously he belongs to the Congregational church, in which denomination his wife and daughter also hold membership.

A portrait of Mr. Sinclair accompanies this brief history.

**J**AMES FITZGERALD, the amiable proprietor of the hotel at Beresford, is a native of Morgan county, Ind.

His parents, James and Mary Fitzgerald, were natives of Knox county, Tenn., and early settlers of Morgan county, Ind., where Mr. Fitzgerald lived until 1852, and then settled in Hardin county, Iowa; four years later, however, he returned to Morgan county, Ind., where he eventually died. Mr. Fitzgerald was a man of sterling qualities of character; he strived to live right and rear his children in the same way. He was married twice his first wife dying in Morgan county, Ind.,

in 1844. By that marriage he was the parent of ten children, four of whom are still living, viz.: Elizabeth Ritsman, of Kansas; Brison lives in Hardin county, Iowa; Matilda Edwards is a resident of the state of Washington; and James, the subject of this biography. His second marriage was productive of five children.

James Fitzgerald was born February 13, 1841, and was raised on a farm. The common schools of Morgan county, Ind., and Hardin county, Iowa, afforded him the means of an education, and during his maturer years he learned the trade of carpenter. After the death of his father, which occurred March 27, 1857, he continued to reside in Morgan county, Ind., until 1861 and then went to Hardin county, Iowa. In September of the same year he became a soldier in company B, Eleventh Iowa regiment, infantry, enlisting as a non-commissioned officer. The regiment was sent to St. Louis, Mo., and in the vicinity of that city spent the winter months. Was then attached to the army under the command of Gen. Grant and took part in the following engagements: Fort Donelson, Fort Henry and Shiloh; in the latter our subject was wounded the first day of the battle by a piece of shell in the left arm, and was sent to the hospital at Savannah, Tenn. After convalescing he returned home on a furlough, rejoining his regiment at Corinth, Miss., and then started on the Iuka campaign. The regiment took part in the second battle of Corinth, the Holly Springs expedition and then retreated back to Memphis. Was all through the siege of Vicksburg, the recapture of Jackson, Miss., the Meridian expedition, and then our subject re-enlisted and returned home on a veteran's furlough.

He next became a member of the Seventeenth army corps and joined Gen. Sherman's command just below Lookout Mountain. He was one of the famous "Sherman bummers" and was on the triumphal "march to the sea." Was slightly wounded at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, but soon recovered and was at the surrender of Gen. Johnston, in North Carolina, then at Richmond and took part in the grand review at Washington, D. C. He was mustered out and discharged at Davenport, Iowa, July, 1865.

Mr. Fitzgerald after the war bought a farm in Hardin county, Iowa, which he operated until 1880 and then started for Dakota. He engaged as a contractor in the construction of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad from Mitchell to Chamberlain, and later on the extension of the same road from Mitchell to Letcher; also the division between Yankton and Scotland, a distance of twenty-eight miles. He then assisted in the construction of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad from Hawarden, Iowa, to Iroquois, and in 1882 settled in Beresford and built the hotel. This venture has proved successful and he has since operated it, in connection with which he has erected nearly one hundred other buildings in the immediate neighborhood. Mr. Fitzgerald belongs to the I. O. O. F. of Beresford, in which he is an officer, and is also a member of the G. A. R. post. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party and has taken an active interest in local politics, having been a candidate at one time for the legislature from his district.

The marriage of our subject to Miss Almeda F. Judd was celebrated November 22, 1865. This estimable lady is a native of

Vermont and was born May 29, 1846. They have no children of their own, but raised one child from infancy whom they adopted legally. She is now the wife of Harry A. Lambertson. One child has been born to this union, James Allen. Mrs. Fitzgerald is a member of the Congregational church and a devout Christian woman.

ERICK NELSON has valuable farming interests on section 22, Spirit Mound township, Clay county, in the shape of a substantially improved and well cultivated farm, where he has been engaged in the prosecution of his life work since the latter part of the '60s. Mr. Nelson was born in Norway, May 4, 1838, and grew to be eighteen years of age there, receiving such education as was afforded in the common schools of the neighborhood. May 8, 1857, he left the land of his birth for America, and on landing at Quebec started for Illinois. He spent but two weeks, however, in the Prairie state, and then located in Winneshiek county, Iowa, where the following two months were passed, leaving the Hawkeye state at the expiration of that time, which was the fall of 1857, for Dixon county, Neb.

Mr. Nelson's first appearance in Dakota territory was in 1860, when he came to Clay county, and homesteaded a claim southwest of Vermillion, and on this property he made his home until 1867, the spring of that year settling on his present farm in Spirit Mound township, which has since been his place of residence. His farming operations he now conducts on 800 acres, of which he is the fortunate owner, and on this property he has erected every needful

structure, and taken every other means to make it a home of comfort as well as a place of financial worth. He is a man of large public-spirit and progressive views, and all enterprises likely to forward the interests of the community at large find in him material and hearty support. He is closely identified with the public life of the township, and has been a member of the town board.

The wedding ceremony, which united the lives of Mr. Nelson and Miss Matilda Larson, occurred in Clay county, in March, 1862. Mrs. Nelson was a daughter of the late Lars Nelson, and was born in Norway. She came with her parents to this country in 1856, and, after thirty-two years of married life, passed to the world beyond, her death occurring June 13, 1894. To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were born ten children, of whom we note the following: Nels, Louis, deceased; Rachel, the wife of George C. Thorson, whose biography will be found on another page of this volume; Ole, deceased; Christian, Carrie, the wife of G. Ellison; Belle, Ossie, Ole, and Mary.

**A**M. PIER, Turner county's present register of deeds, has been a resident of Dakota since 1873, when he took up a claim in what is now Hurley township. This land he improved and resided on until 1878, when he was elected register of deeds, and Swan Lake, then being the county seat, he removed to that town. He enjoyed re-election twice and served at that time three consecutive terms. In 1885 he located in Hurley and engaged in the general merchandise business until 1892, also conducting his farm of 160 acres in Hurley township. In 1894 he

was again elected register of deeds on the Republican ticket and re-elected to this position in 1896, the duties of which he discharges to the entire satisfaction of the community.

Mr. Pier was born in Stark county, Ohio, July 1, 1844, his father, William Pier, being a native of New Jersey and now living in Wisconsin, aged eighty-two years. His mother, Susan (Cook) Pier, was born in Pennsylvania and died when but forty-eight years old. She was of Pennsylvania-Dutch descent. They were the parents of seven children, six sons and one daughter, all of whom are still spared to this world with the exception of one son. They are, respectively, William H., Charles M., our subject; Eleanor, now the wife of J. S. Lehew, of McCook, Neb.; Frank, deceased; John F., Alonzo and James R.

Charles M. was the second child and about eight years old when he moved with his parents to Allen county, Ohio; there he obtained a common-school education and remained until his father and mother removed to Van Wert, Ohio, to which place he accompanied his parents and resided till 1864. That year Mr. Pier enlisted for 100-days' service in company H, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Ohio regiment, infantry. At the end of his allotted time he returned to Van Wert, remained till 1867 and then started for Wisconsin. He located in Richland county, where he was employed in the register's office and also in a store until 1873, the date of his arrival in Dakota as stated above. Politically he is a Republican and has always taken an active interest in local affairs. Besides the office of register of deeds he was also a county commissioner from 1888 to '91, and spent one year in the



Hurley town council. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, I. O. O. F. and M. W. A. orders at Hurley, where he resides.

Mr. Pier was united in marriage April 6, 1872, to Samantha James, a native of eastern Ohio, and a daughter of Peter James, and by this union they are the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, viz.: Harry J., Thomas C., Dora P., Lelia B., Leonard A. and William C., all at home.

**O**B. GRAY, one of the earliest settlers of southeastern Dakota and now a resident of the village of Lennox, is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. His parents, B. D. and Amy (Baldwin) Gray, were both natives of Vermont, in which state their ancestors located in the early history of the country. They had a family of seven children, as follows: Mrs. Salona Hadley, deceased, formerly of Coldwater, Mich; Marion, the wife of Judge Green, of North Dakota; E. B., now a resident of Madison, Wis., served in the late war from the beginning to the close of hostilities and was discharged with the rank of colonel; Alonzo, deceased, went to California about 1850, where he remained and became a prominent citizen; he left a family in San Francisco; Helen, the wife of L. T. Hull, editor of the St. Joseph County Advertiser, Constantine, Mich., which paper he has edited and managed for forty-eight years; O. B., the subject of this sketch, and Henry, now a resident of North Dakota.

O. B. Gray was about four years of age when his parents removed from Ohio and settled in Branch county, Mich., where they were at the time pioneers. He grew to

manhood in Coldwater, Mich., and learned the harness-making trade, which vocation he continued at up to the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted in the Ninth Michigan regiment, infantry, and was immediately transferred to the front, serving through Tennessee, Kentucky and Georgia. He was captured at Murphreesboro, Tenn., by the rebel forces but was soon exchanged, and after an enlistment of a year and a half was discharged and sent home. That was in January, 1863, and he engaged again at his former business, which he carried on until 1872 when he arrived in Turner county, Dak. Ter. He entered a homestead there and sent for his family to join him. The county was but very sparsely settled then, there being but five or six families in the neighborhood, the nearest neighbor on the south being eleven miles away, on the west six miles, and to the east a long distance. He remained on his land, cultivated and improved it until 1882, when he came to Lincoln county and settled at Lennox. When he had passed over the site of Parker and Lennox ten years previously there wasn't the sign of a house, building of any kind or anything to indicate the present thriving villages of those names. He followed his trade of harness-making in Lennox until recently, when he retired from active business life.

In October, 1859, while a resident of Michigan, the subject of this biography was united in marriage to Miss Demmie Amsden and the record of their family is as follows: Grace, who is now the wife of Eugene Putnam, of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Jesse, Burd, and Marion, the three latter being at home. The wife and daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Gray

belongs to the G. A. R. and I. O. O. F. lodges of his home town. Politically he is a Republican.

CYRENUS GRAHAM, who is the owner and proprietor of 360 acres of land in Spirit Mound township, Clay county, where he is engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, was born in Perry township, Lake Co., Ohio, a son of William and Anna (Wright) Graham, both natives of New York state. After their marriage they settled in Ovid, Seneca Co., N. Y., from where they came to Lake county, Ohio, and there Mrs. Graham died. Mr. Graham afterwards removed to Sturgis, Mich., where he also passed from time to eternity.

Four sons and four daughters were born to the above couple, of whom Cyrenus was the fifth, and first opened his eyes March 6, 1823. He was reared to manhood on his father's farm in the Buckeye state, and after he had attained mature years was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Mary M. Stoughton, the ceremony occurring December 25, 1850. After their marriage Mr. Graham and his wife settled in Lake county, Ohio, and continued to reside there until 1863, when they removed to Sturgis, Mich.

Mr. Graham there engaged in trading for over twenty years, at the expiration of which time he came to Dakota territory with his family and located on the farm which he now owns. Since coming to Clay county he has been engaged exclusively in farming, and as stated above, has an estate of 360 acres.

Mrs. Graham was born in Franklin county, N. Y., April 3, 1830, and is a daughter of James C. and Sarah (Brazee) Stoughton, the former a Baptist clergyman born in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., and the latter also a native of the Empire state. After their marriage they settled in the northeastern part of New York, in 1836 removed to Monroe county of the same state, and in 1844 went to Ohio, locating in Lake county. Mrs. Graham is the third child of a family of two sons and two daughters. Rev. Mr. Stoughton died in Wapello county, Iowa, and his good wife in Sturgis, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham have two children, Ella A., who is now Mrs. J. C. Davis, of Vermillion, and Charles S., who is farming in Spirit Mound township. Mr. Graham has taken quite an active part in all local affairs and is recognized as one of the best citizens of the community wherein he resides. Mrs. Graham is a member of and an active worker in the Baptist church.













